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Introduction

What is the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan?

The Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) was established by the Government of Alberta to provide Alberta residents with medical coverage for physician and hospital services. The AHCIP provides coverage for all insured services required by federal legislation. Over time, the AHCIP has expanded its coverage to include additional services provided by other health care practitioners.

The AHCIP offers three categories of coverage: Basic Health Services, Extended Health Benefits and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage.

- Basic Health Services coverage, available to all Albertans, includes full benefits for medically required services provided by physicians and oral surgeons, and limited coverage for allied health providers such as chiropractors, optometrists and podiatrists. There is a monthly premium for this coverage.

- Extended Health Benefits, provides limited financial assistance for dental care and eyeglasses, is available at no cost to residents aged 65 and older, their spouses and dependants, as well to widows and widowers aged 55 to 64 years receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants.

- Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage, available to all Albertans, are supplemental health insurance plans for pharmaceuticals and other selected health services. These supplemental plans are funded by Alberta Health and Wellness and administered by Alberta Blue Cross. Premium-free coverage is offered to seniors and their dependants, to recipients of the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants, and to people who have been diagnosed as being palliative and receive their treatments at home. A universal plan is available to all Albertans under the age of 65 and their dependants, subject to the payment of a quarterly premium.

What can I find in the *Statistical Supplement?*

The *Statistical Supplement* is published by Alberta Health and Wellness each year to provide updated statistics relating to the AHCIP, primarily the number of people registered and the fee-for-service payments made to Alberta physicians and allied practitioners (namely, oral surgeons and dentists, chiropractors, optometrists and podiatrists). A few statistics on payments for out-of-country services provided by physicians and other health care practitioners are also included.

Statistics regarding fee-for-service payments made to practitioners under the Extended Health Benefits program (namely by dentists, denturists, opticians and optometrists). Also included are statistics on Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage offered through the AHCIP. The data has been broken down by health region, where feasible.

How is data reported in the *Statistical Supplement?*

The Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness Statistical Supplement is reported on a date-of-service basis, with the exception of Section 5. This section (Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage) of the *Statistical Supplement* incorporates data covering the 2001/2002 fiscal year (April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002) on a date-of-payment basis. These tables include all payments made to subscribers on a daily basis, to pharmacy providers on a bi-weekly basis (every two weeks) and to other providers on a weekly basis.

What information is not included in the *Statistical Supplement?*

Payments made through the AHCIP for medical and hospital services provided in other Canadian provinces are not included in the *Statistical Supplement*.

Other non fee-for-services expenditures not included in the Statistical Supplement are: Alberta Health and Wellness regional funding (e.g. hospital costs and home care), the Alberta Cancer Board, Alternate Payment Programs (eg. Capitation, sessional, contractual, etc) and other programs which are not directly paid by the AHCIP. Information on these areas can be obtained in the *Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness Annual Report 2001/2002*.

Subject Headings

The five subject headings found in this publication are:

Section 1: Registration Data
Provides statistics on the number of people covered under the AHCIP for Basic Health Services. These tables are broken down by method of premium status and subsidy levels, and by age and gender.

Section 2: Basic Health Services
Provides information on payments for Basic Health Services to Alberta physicians and allied practitioners (dental and oral surgeons, chiropractors, optometrists and podiatrists). The statistics cover payments by specialty and type of service; and by patient age and gender; changes in schedules of benefits (Alberta Health and Wellness approved payment rates); and Out-of-Country Basic Health Services. Statistics related to the Out-of-Country Health Services Program are also included.

Section 3: Regional Data
Compiles statistics related to fee-for-service payments made for services provided within each of Alberta's 17 health regions including: distribution of registered population, number of physicians and average payments, and payments by international classification of diseases.

Section 4: Extended Health Benefits
Includes data on the number of people covered, fee-for-service payments by discipline (dentists, denturists, opticians, and optometrists), and changes in the schedules of benefits.

Section 5: Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage
Offers data on the number of people covered, category of premium status, as well as payments for pharmaceuticals, ambulance services, and other benefits.

Longer-Term Comparisons

The *Statistical Supplement* is a five-year statistical base to facilitate longer-term comparisons when feasible, except for regional data. Since regional boundaries continue to change and these data are not adjusted, prior year data may not be fully comparable. Therefore, regional data are provided only for the current year.

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Section 1: Registration

Summary

This section provides information on the number of persons covered by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) for Basic Health Services. The tables show registration data broken down by method of premium status and subsidy level, and by age and gender.

Basic Health Coverage

In 2001/2002, 3,072,384 Albertans were entitled to Basic Health Services. The number increased 2.2 per cent from the previous year. The number of persons who received at least one medical servcie during the year was 2,601,914 (84.7 per cent).

Coverage by Premium Status and Subsidy Level

There are four categories of premium status: individual and group, seniors, widows' pension and social allowance recipients.

- The individual and group category was the largest with 2,646,957 recipients. This category is comprised of individuals who make premium payments directly to Alberta Health and Wellness, as well as employers (groups) who submit Alberta Health and Wellness premiums on behalf of their employees. 271,211 or 10.3 percent of people in this category received subsidized premiums, a decrease of 11,670 or 4.1 percent in comparison to 2000/2001. Full subsidies were received by 231,307 recipients and partial subsidies by 39,904.

- The number of persons covered in the Seniors category in 2001/2002 increased by 2.5 per cent from 339,065 the previous year to 347,497. In this category, more than half received partial or full subsidies, 18,108 received partial subsidies and 178,865 full subsidies.

- The number of persons with Alberta Widows' Pension coverage decreased by 3.6 per cent from 2,480 last year to 2,390. All of these individuals received premium-free coverage.

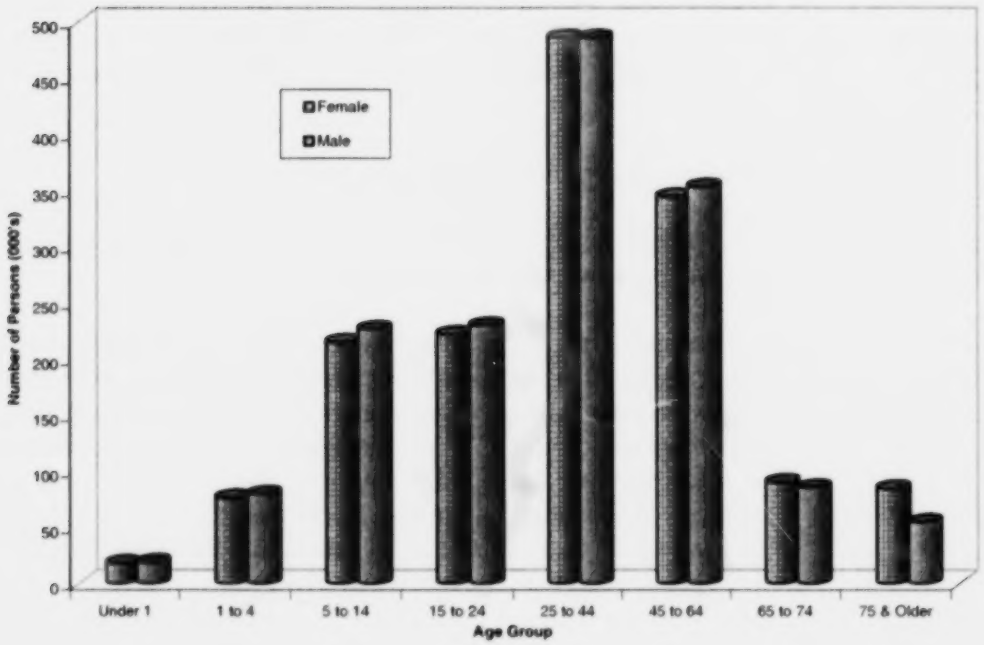
- The number of social allowance recipients receiving premium-free coverage decreased by 1.7 per cent from 76,881 last year to 75,540.

Overall, 17.8 per cent of the total population covered by the AHCIP paid reduced premiums or were fully exempt from paying premiums.

Coverage by Age and Gender

Figure 1 shows the distribution of persons covered for Basic Health Services by age and gender.

Figure 1
Distribution of Population Covered for Basic Benefits
By Age and Gender for the Service Year April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002



Registration data for Extended Health Benefits and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage are found in sections 4 and 5, respectively.

Opting Out

Every year, some individuals choose to opt out of the AHCIP. In 2001/2002 this number increased to 297 compared to 295 last year. These individuals are responsible for paying for their own health services. People who opt out must do so for a full benefit year, from July 1 to June 30.

Explanatory Notes

Registrations

Registration data are based upon actual registrations on the AHCIP files. These differ from Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the continual updating of AHCIP data, by persons being temporarily absent from the province for educational purposes, and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.

The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of federal penitentiaries, who are covered by the federal government.

The number of registrations differs from the number of persons covered. There is usually one registration per family household. The number of persons covered under one registration can range from one (as in single coverage) to two or more (as in family coverage). Details regarding the number of registrations can be found in Tables 1.1 and 1.2.

Registration data is determined on the last day of the fiscal year. If someone was registered with the AHCIP for a part of the year, but not on March 31, they are not included.

Widows' Pension Program

The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983, to assist widows and widowers of limited income and aged 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the program, eligible persons and their dependants receive Basic Health Services, Extended Health Benefits and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage at no cost.

Seniors' Premium Rates

As of July 1, 1994, seniors are required to pay health care insurance premiums unless they are entitled to a partial or full reduction under the income-tested Alberta Seniors Benefit Program. Prior to this time, seniors were not required to pay premiums.

Premium Assistance Program

Under the Premium Assistance Program, low-income registrants may apply for premium reductions of 20 per cent, 40 per cent, 60 per cent, 80 per cent or 100 per cent. The reductions are based on adjusted taxable balance (taxable income minus non-refundable tax credits). Families with an adjusted taxable balance of more than $12,620 and (single persons more than $7,560) pay full premiums. Full premium rates are $816 per year for family coverage and $408 per year for single coverage.

Alberta Health and Wellness also provides a waiver of premiums for people with extenuating circumstances even if their current income is above the guidelines of the Premium Assistance Program. Approximately 6,998 people per year receive a waiver of premiums.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 1.1
Number of Registrations and Population Covered
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002[1]

Population Categories	Number of Registrations					Percentage Change			
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	1,334,899	1,374,236	1,404,142	1,441,060	1,484,218	2.95%	2.18%	2.63%	2.99%
Individual and Group	1,068,885	1,101,703	1,126,192	1,158,095	1,195,302	3.07	2.22	2.83	3.21
Seniors	217,601	220,785	226,068	232,089	237,772	1.46	2.39	2.66	2.45
Widows' Pension	2,633	2,507	2,358	2,285	2,158	(4.79)	(5.94)	(3.10)	(5.56)
Social Allowance Recipients	45,780	49,241	49,524	48,591	48,986	7.56	0.57	(1.88)	0.81

Population Categories	Population Covered					Percentage Change			
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	2,847,538	2,912,925	2,957,045	3,007,582	3,072,384	2.30%	1.51%	1.71%	2.15%
Individual and Group	2,448,979	2,503,992	2,542,665	2,589,156	2,646,957	2.25	1.54	1.83	2.23
Seniors	316,848	322,384	330,051	339,065	347,497	1.75	2.38	2.73	2.49
Widows' Pension	2,876	2,714	2,543	2,480	2,390	(5.63)	(6.30)	(2.48)	(3.63)
Social Allowance Recipients	78,835	83,835	81,786	76,881	75,540	6.34	(2.44)	(6.00)	(1.74)

(1) The population figures are as of March 31, calculated in July.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 1.2
Number of Registrations and Population Covered by Method of Premium Collection and Subsidy Level
As of March 31, 2002[1]

Registration Status	Total		Single		Family	
	Registrations	Population	Registrations	Population	Registrations	Population
Total	1,484,218	3,072,384	709,227	709,227	774,991	2,363,157
Subtotals by Groups						
Individual and Group	1,195,302	2,646,957	539,623	539,623	655,679	2,107,334
Seniors	237,772	347,497	131,878	131,878	105,894	215,619
Widows' Pension	2,158	2,390	1,998	1,998	160	392
Social Allowance Recipients	48,986	75,540	35,728	35,728	13,258	39,812
Individual and Group						
Non-subsidized	1,057,793	2,375,746	464,051	464,051	593,742	1,911,695
Subsidized						
20% Reduced	3,636	7,362	1,959	1,959	1,677	5,403
40% Reduced	4,348	9,171	2,186	2,186	2,162	6,985
60% Reduced	5,057	11,000	2,394	2,394	2,663	8,606
80% Reduced	5,632	12,371	2,655	2,655	2,977	9,716
Full Reduction	118,836	231,307	66,378	66,378	52,458	164,929
Subtotal: Non-Subsidized and Subsidized	1,195,302	2,646,957	539,623	539,623	655,679	2,107,334
Seniors						
Non-Subsidized	94,542	150,524	40,446	40,446	54,096	110,078
Partial Reduction	11,113	18,108	4,322	4,322	6,791	13,786
Full Reduction	132,117	178,865	87,110	87,110	45,007	91,755
Subtotal: Seniors	237,772	347,497	131,878	131,878	105,894	215,619

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 1.3
Distribution of Population by Age and Gender
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002[1]

Gender / Age Group	Total					Percentage Change			
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	2,847,538	2,912,925	2,957,045	3,007,582	3,072,384	2.30	1.51	1.71	2.15
Under 1	37,364	38,751	38,163	37,048	37,371	3.71	(1.52)	(2.92)	0.87
1 - 4	159,990	159,206	157,371	156,144	156,315	(0.49)	(1.15)	(0.78)	0.11
5 - 9	217,839	218,338	215,683	213,867	212,496	0.23	(1.22)	(0.84)	(0.64)
10 - 14	219,605	222,257	225,154	226,961	229,304	1.21	1.30	0.80	1.03
15 - 19	207,331	215,185	220,433	226,075	231,005	3.79	2.44	2.56	2.18
20 - 24	197,463	204,789	208,314	213,618	221,083	3.71	1.72	2.55	3.49
25 - 29	207,480	212,080	212,610	213,669	219,043	2.22	0.25	0.50	2.52
30 - 34	229,208	225,278	221,043	223,017	226,843	(1.71)	(1.88)	0.89	1.72
35 - 39	264,117	266,265	264,140	257,866	252,445	0.81	(0.80)	(2.38)	(2.10)
40 - 44	247,691	257,247	263,324	268,639	273,266	3.86	2.36	2.02	1.72
45 - 49	198,582	209,670	220,644	233,060	245,421	5.58	5.23	5.63	5.30
50 - 54	158,360	168,052	178,695	189,084	195,263	6.12	6.33	5.81	3.27
55 - 59	117,257	123,483	129,431	135,268	146,978	5.31	4.82	4.51	8.66
60 - 64	98,441	100,629	102,836	105,722	110,136	2.22	2.19	2.81	4.18
65 - 69	90,427	91,334	92,178	93,029	93,638	1.00	0.92	0.92	0.65
70 - 74	73,897	75,412	77,676	80,076	82,248	2.05	3.00	3.09	2.71
75 - 79	56,746	58,437	59,780	61,320	62,317	2.98	2.30	2.58	1.63
80 - 84	36,089	36,386	37,812	39,930	42,551	0.82	3.92	5.60	6.56
85 & Older	29,651	30,126	31,758	33,189	34,661	1.60	5.42	4.51	4.44

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 1.3
Distribution of Population by Age and Gender
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002[1]

Gender / Age Group	Male					Percentage Change			
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	1,421,436	1,454,718	1,476,415	1,502,264	1,534,786	2.34	1.49	1.75	2.16
Under 1	19,107	19,912	19,325	18,912	19,043	4.21	(2.95)	(2.14)	0.69
1 - 4	82,320	81,739	80,759	80,004	79,775	(0.71)	(1.20)	(0.93)	(0.29)
5 - 9	111,432	111,872	110,538	109,575	109,200	0.39	(1.19)	(0.87)	(0.34)
10 - 14	112,668	113,864	115,362	116,292	117,490	1.06	1.32	0.81	1.03
15 - 19	106,151	110,125	112,763	115,691	118,287	3.74	2.40	2.60	2.24
20 - 24	99,426	103,017	105,039	108,022	111,610	3.61	1.96	2.84	3.32
25 - 29	103,717	106,393	106,637	107,222	109,885	2.58	0.23	0.55	2.48
30 - 34	113,523	111,759	109,819	111,129	113,562	(1.55)	(1.74)	1.19	2.19
35 - 39	131,448	132,250	130,697	127,829	125,135	0.61	(1.17)	(2.19)	(2.11)
40 - 44	125,549	130,320	132,996	135,277	137,112	3.80	2.05	1.72	1.36
45 - 49	101,006	106,738	112,442	118,571	124,801	5.67	5.34	5.45	5.25
50 - 54	80,105	84,978	90,474	95,881	99,165	6.08	6.47	5.98	3.43
55 - 59	59,191	62,393	65,489	68,394	74,237	5.41	4.96	4.44	8.54
60 - 64	49,217	50,176	51,327	52,793	55,034	1.95	2.29	2.86	4.24
65 - 69	44,627	45,263	45,696	46,028	46,257	1.43	0.96	0.73	0.50
70 - 74	34,262	35,280	36,743	38,120	39,356	2.97	4.15	3.75	3.24
75 - 79	23,953	24,752	25,483	26,375	27,161	3.34	2.95	3.50	2.98
80 - 84	13,845	13,994	14,508	15,377	16,519	1.08	3.67	5.99	7.43
85 & Older	9,889	9,893	10,318	10,772	11,157	0.04	4.30	4.40	3.57

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(1) The population figures are as of March 31, calculated in July.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 1.3
Distribution of Population by Age and Gender
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002[1]

Gender / Age Group	Female					Percentage Change			
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	1,426,102	1,458,207	1,480,630	1,505,318	1,537,598	2.25	1.54	1.67	2.14
Under 1	18,257	18,839	18,838	18,136	18,328	3.19	(0.01)	(3.73)	1.06
1 - 4	77,670	77,467	76,612	76,140	76,540	(0.26)	(1.10)	(0.62)	0.53
5 - 9	106,407	106,466	105,145	104,292	103,296	0.06	(1.24)	(0.81)	(0.96)
10 - 14	106,937	108,393	109,792	110,669	111,814	1.36	1.29	0.80	1.03
15 - 19	101,180	105,060	107,670	110,384	112,718	3.83	2.48	2.52	2.11
20 - 24	98,037	101,772	103,275	105,596	109,473	3.81	1.48	2.25	3.67
25 - 29	103,763	105,687	105,973	106,447	109,158	1.85	0.27	0.45	2.55
30 - 34	115,685	113,519	111,224	111,888	113,281	(1.87)	(2.02)	0.60	1.24
35 - 39	132,669	134,015	133,443	130,037	127,310	1.01	(0.43)	(2.55)	(2.10)
40 - 44	122,142	126,927	130,328	133,362	136,154	3.92	2.68	2.33	2.09
45 - 49	97,576	102,932	108,202	114,489	120,620	5.49	5.12	5.81	5.36
50 - 54	78,255	83,074	88,221	93,203	96,098	6.16	6.20	5.65	3.11
55 - 59	58,066	61,090	63,942	66,874	72,741	5.21	4.67	4.59	8.77
60 - 64	49,224	50,453	51,509	52,929	55,102	2.50	2.09	2.76	4.11
65 - 69	45,800	46,071	46,482	47,001	47,381	0.59	0.89	1.12	0.81
70 - 74	39,635	40,132	40,933	41,956	42,892	1.25	2.00	2.50	2.23
75 - 79	32,793	33,685	34,297	34,945	35,156	2.72	1.82	1.89	0.60
80 - 84	22,244	22,392	23,304	24,553	26,032	0.67	4.07	5.36	6.02
85 & Older	19,762	20,233	21,440	22,417	23,504	2.38	5.97	4.56	4.85

(1) The population figures are as of March 31, calculated in July.

Section 2: Basic Health Services (Physicians and Allied Health Practitioners)

Summary

Basic Health Services include all medically required services performed by physicians and oral surgeons, which are paid on a fee-for-service basis. Certain podiatry, optometry and chiropractic services are also either fully or partially covered by the AHCIP. Fee for service items and rates payable by the AHCIP are published in individual Schedules of Benefits.

Figures are given for payments by practitioner specialty and type of service, by patient age and gender, and for changes in schedules of benefits (Alberta Health and Wellness approved services and rates).

Most tables in this publication include only in-province expenditures. However, tables 2.16 - 2.18 provide selected statistics for services provided outside Canada.

Only practitioner data are provided. Hospital and non-hospital surgical facility costs associated with these services, with the exception of out-of-country hospital services, are not included in the *Statistical Supplement.*

Date of Service Data

Data in this publication are reported on a date-of-service rather than date-of-payment basis. Practitioners have 180 days from the date of service to submit their claims to AHCIP for payment. Most claims are paid within 30 days of the actual date of service.

Total Basic Health Services - Payments (Including Fee for Service Pathology)

Practitioner	Overall Payments	Percentage Change
Physicians	1,061,169,693	10.65
Oral Surgery	2,167,898	2.43
Chiropractic	38,535,026	5.87
Optometry	14,651,707	10.72
Podiatry	6,531,145	7.87
Total	**1,123,055,469**	**10.44**

The AHCIP issued $1.06 billion in fee-for-service payments to Alberta physicians for Basic Health Services in 2001/2002 compared to $959.1 million the previous year. Total payments for physician services increased by 10.65 per cent from $959.1 million in 2000/2001 to $1.06 billion in 2001/2002.

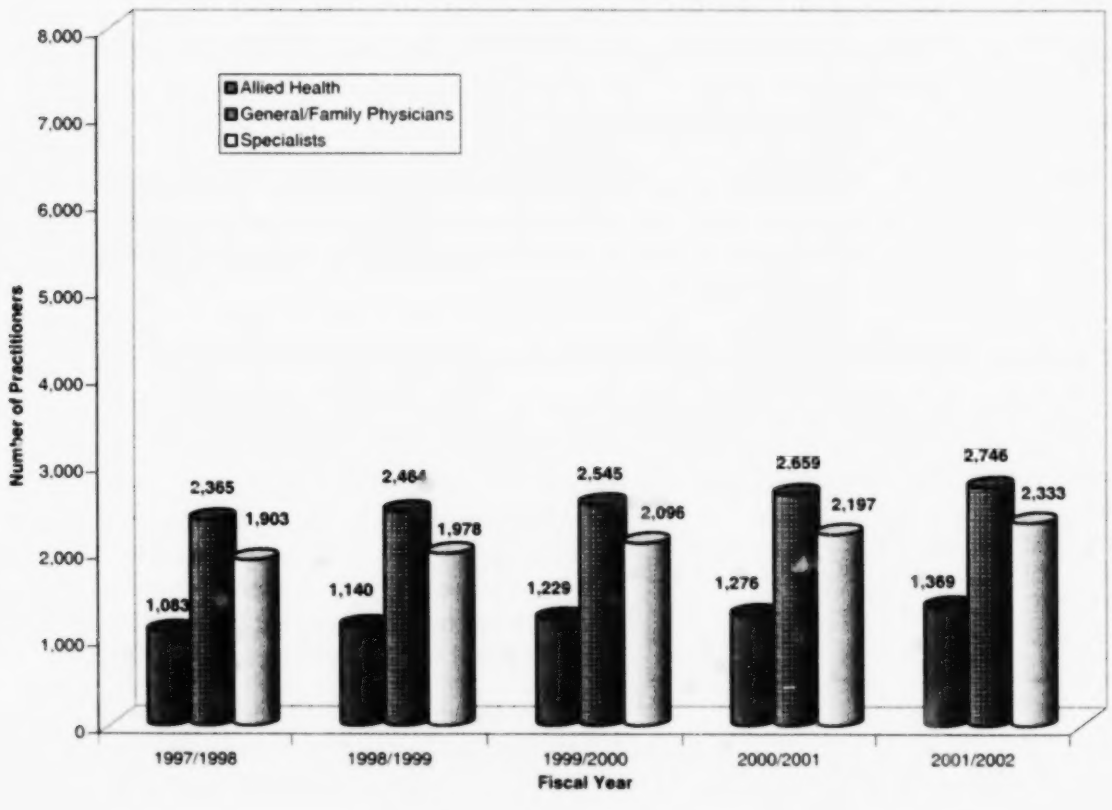
Allied health payments (to dental and oral surgeons, chiropractors, optometrists and podiatrists) increased 7.06 per cent over the last year from $58 million to nearly $62 million.

Number of Practitioners Who Billed AHCIP (including Pathology)

Practitioner	Number	Percentage Change
Physicians	5,079	4.59
Oral Surgery	250	7.76
Chiropractic	745	8.13
Optometry	326	4.82
Podiatry	48	9.09
Total	**6,448**	**5.15**

There was a 5.15 per cent increase in the number of Alberta practitioners who received payments during 2001/2002. Figure 2 provides a comparison of the number of Alberta practitioners who received payments for Basic Health Service over the past five years.

Figure 2
Number of Alberta Practitioners (including Pathology) Who Received Payment For Basic Health Services for the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to 2002



Average Payments by Practitioner Type (including Pathology)

Practitioner	Average Payments	Percentage Change
Physicians	208,933	5.79
Oral Surgery	8,672	(4.94)
Chiropractic	51,725	(2.09)
Optometry	44,944	5.62
Podiatry	136,066	(1.12)
Total	**174,171**	**5.03**

A total of 5,079 Alberta physicians billed the AHCIP in 2001/2002. The average payment per physician was $208,933 (a 5.79 per cent increase over last year) and the median payment was $169,086 (a 1.88 per cent increase). 210 physicians received under $10,000 and 49 received over $1 million in payments.

Payments to General and Family Physicians

Alberta Health and Wellness paid 2,746 general and family physicians for Basic Health Services, 3.27 per cent more than the previous year. The average payment was $172,643 (a 6.59 per cent increase over last year). The annual median payment was $157,228. Ninteen general/family physicians received over $500,000 in payments.

Payments to Specialists (excluding Pathology)

A total of 2,311 specialists (all physicians except general/family physicians and pathologists) received payments in 2001/2002, a 6.20 per cent increase over the previous year. The average payment was $252,793 and the median payment was $187,803.

Highest Average Payments (excluding Laboratory Specialists)

Specialty	Average Payment
Ophthalmologists	$508,304
Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgeons	$482,665
Cardiologists	$422,672
Otolaryngologists	$441,012
Dermatologists	$396,739

The percentage change for the average and median payments is 4.63 per cent and 7.64 per cent respectively. 248 specialists received over $500,000 in payments, which represents 10.7 per cent of specialists.

The top five medical specialties with the highest annual average fee-for-service payments were the same as last year.

Medical Assessments

Assessments (office visits) and consultations accounted for 48.2 per cent of fee-for-service payments to all Alberta physicians in 2001/2002. Assessment services accounted for 72.2 per cent of payments to all general/family physicians.

Total Payments, excluding Pathology

Practitioner	Overall Payments	Percentage Change
Physicians	1,058,282,619	10.65
Oral Surgery	2,167,898	2.43
Chiropractic	38,535,026	5.87
Optometry	14,651,707	10.72
Podiatry	6,531,145	7.87
Total	**1,120,168,395**	**10.45**

The AHCIP issued $1,120 million in fee-for-service payments to Alberta practitioners for basic health services in 2001/2002 compared to $1.01 million the previous year.

Total payments, excluding pathology, for physician services increased by 10.65 per cent from $956.4 million in 2000/2001 to $1,058.3 million in 2001/2002.

Pathology

The preceding figures do not include pathology services, which were transferred to the regional health authorities on July 1, 1995. Please see explanatory notes on page 24 for more details.

$2.9 million in payments were made by AHCIP for pathology in 2001/2002 (see Explanatory Comments, page 24). Total physician payments for 2001/2002 (including pathology) were $1,061,169,693. The total expenditure for basic health services (including pathology) was $1,123,055,469.

Physician Services to Patients

Of the 3,072,384 million people entitled to basic health services in 2001/2002, 84.7 per cent or 2,601,914 million people received at least one medical service during the year. Almost 79.1 per cent of these patients received $500 or less in physician services. Only 9.1 per cent of patients received more than $1,000 in physician services. Payments for these patients accounted for 47.6 per cent of all physician expenditures.

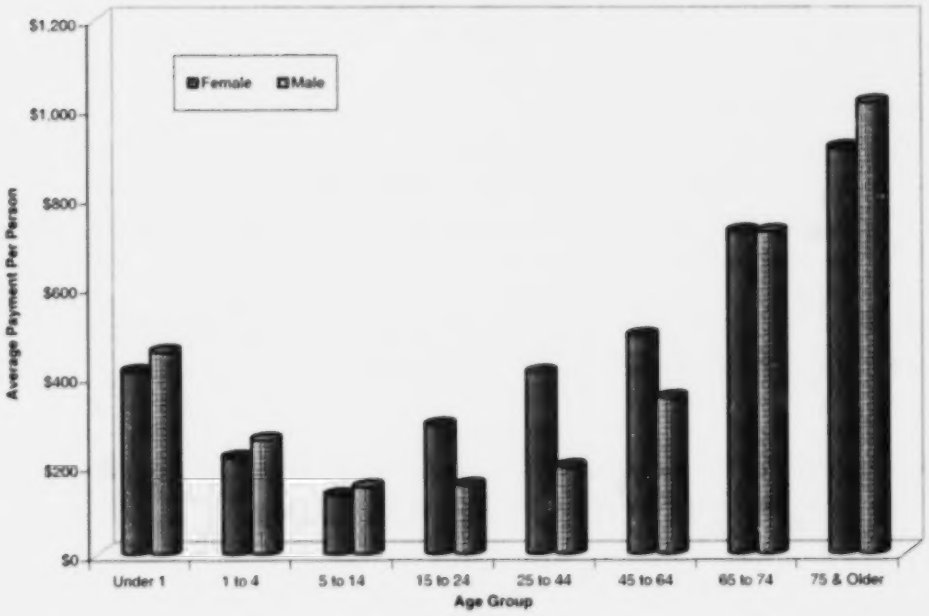
Average Patient Payments by Age and Gender

Figures 3 and 4 provide a summary of the annual average payments to practitioners for all basic health services per person covered by age and gender.

Figures 3 & 4
Distribution of Average Payment Per Person for Basic Health Services By Age and Gender for the Fiscal Year April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002

Average Costs Per Patient

All Physicians



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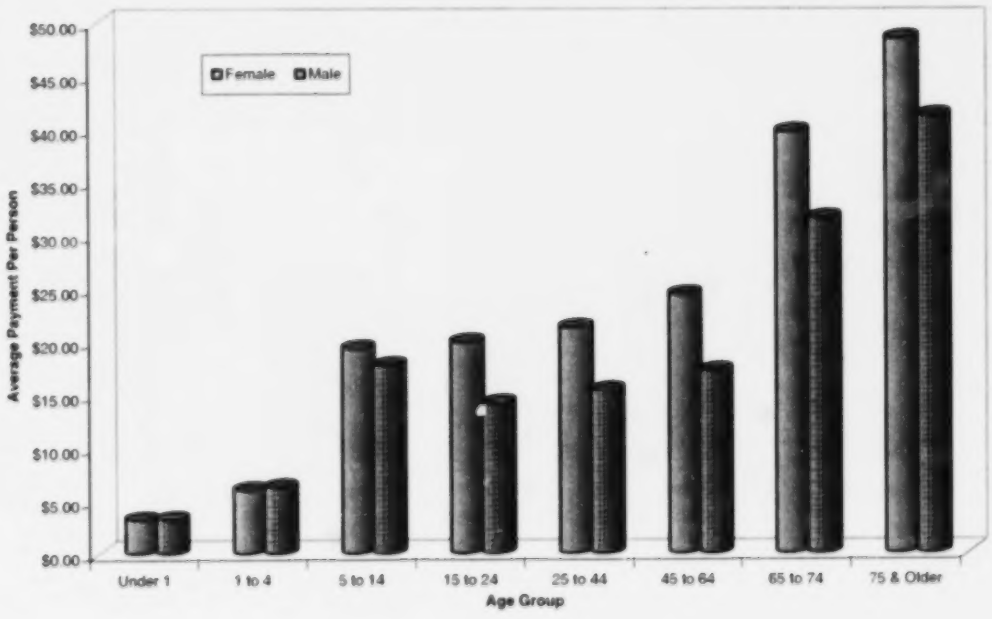


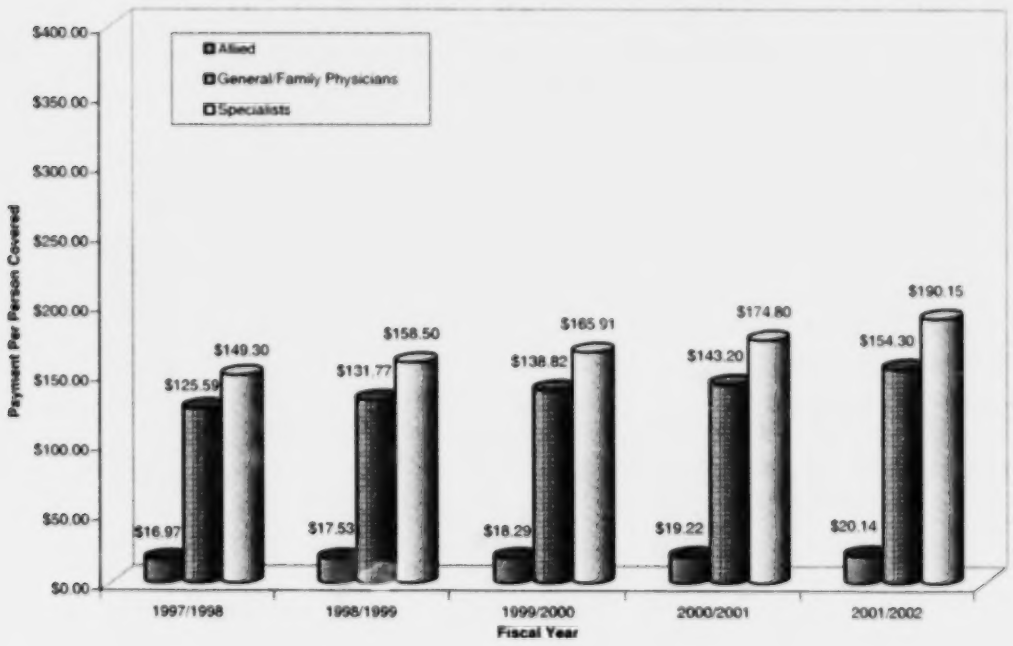
Average Patient Costs by Practitioner Type

Practitioner	Average Cost/ Patient	Percentage Change
Physician	407.84	9.38
Oral Surgery	192.24	(5.25)
Chiropractic	87.13	(0.06)
Optometry	46.35	4.89
Podiatry	72.87	(0.37)
Total	**417.46**	**8.82**

The average cost per patient for basic health services has increased by $33.83 from last year. The cost was $417.46 in 2001/2002 as compared to $383.63 in 2000/2001.

Figure 5 provides a comparison of the average payment per person eligible to receive basic health services over the past five years. All years have been adjusted to exclude pathology services and payments. These numbers differ from average patient costs because patient costs only include those individuals who actually received a service.

Figure 5:
Average Payment Per Person Covered for Basic Health Services (Excluding Pathology)
For the Fiscal Years Ended March 31, 1998 to 2002



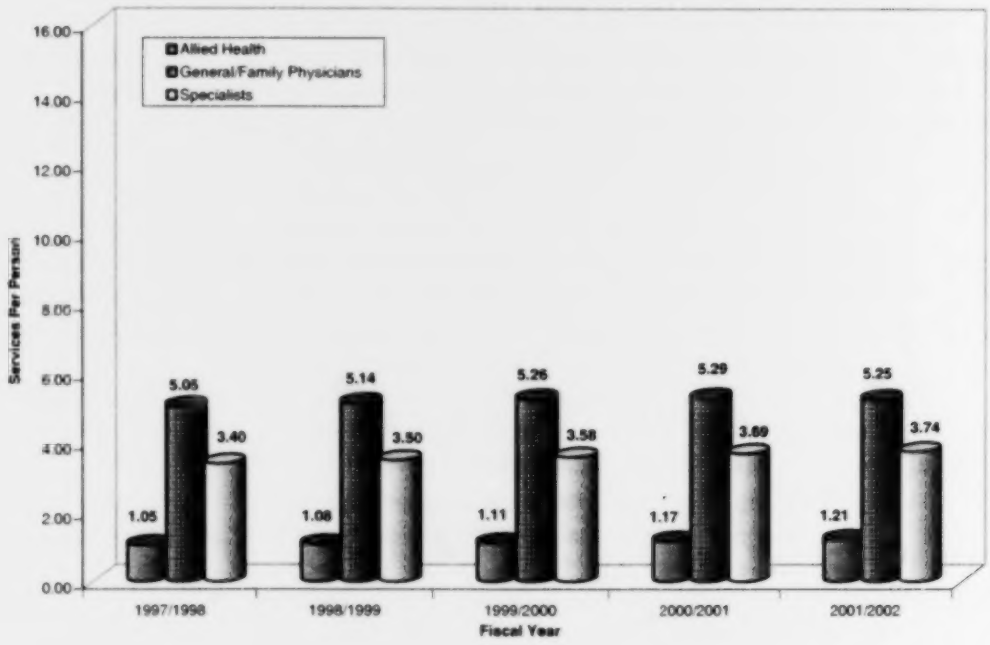
Physician Services and Physician Ratios

The number of physician services per 1,000 persons covered by the AHCIP (excluding pathology) increased by 0.16 per cent this year to 8,994 from 8,980 last year.

The number of physicians per 1,000 patients (excluding pathology) increased to 1.65, a 2.39 per cent increase from 2000/2001.

Figure 6 provides a comparison of the average number of services per person covered for basic health services over the past five years. All years have been adjusted to exclude physical therapists and pathologists. Please see explanatory notes on page 24 for more details.

Figure 6:
Average Number of Services Per Person for Basic Health Services (Excluding Pathology)
For the Fiscal Years Ended March 31, 1998 to 2002



Explanatory Notes

Definition of Practitioner

The term "practitioner" refers to all physicians and allied health practitioners: dental and oral surgeons, chiropractors, optometrists and podiatrists. The phrase "oral surgery" includes oral surgery services performed by both dentists and oral surgeons.

Discrete Patients

Unless otherwise noted, data are based on the number of discrete patients. This is the number of patients receiving AHCIP benefits in a given year being counted once. Individuals who had health care coverage but did not receive any services in the current year are not included in the discrete patient count, but *are* included in the registration data.

Annual Medical Services Budget

An annual budget which is comprised of fee-for-service and benefit payments of $1.14 billion for physician services paid through the AHCIP was established through a negotiated agreement between the Minister of Health and Wellness and the Alberta Medical Association in June 1998.

Determining Payment Rates to Practitioners

The Alberta Medical Association and the Alberta Association of Optometrists have agreements and negotiate with Alberta Health and Wellness to determine payment rates. Payment rates for all other practitioner services covered under AHCIP are set by Alberta Health and Wellness after consultation with the respective professional association.

Extra Billing

Physicians, dental and oral surgeons, and optometrists are not allowed to bill patients an additional amount for services listed as insured basic health services under the AHCIP.

Payments Do Not Reflect Income

Payments to practitioners represent gross fee-for-service payments made by the AHCIP. These statistics cannot be used as an accurate measure of a practitioner's personal income because:

- some practitioners receive income from other sources (e.g. Workers' Compensation Board, balance billing, third party medicals, and for other services not covered by AHCIP)
- both full-time and part-time practitioners are included in the statistics
- salaried positions and contractual arrangements with regional health authorities or private employers are not included
- payments for services rendered to non-Albertans are not included
- the figures quoted are gross payments from which practitioners pay business expenses such as office expenses

Each practitioner must claim for the services he or she provides. Under special circumstances, physicians can claim and are paid for supervising medical residents and nurses and for diagnostic services provided by technicians. These payments are issued to the supervising physician.

Physician Data Source

Physician data in this section are taken from a list of Alberta physicians who had billings of one dollar or more in the 2001/2002 fiscal year. For the purpose of the Statistical Supplement a physician's specialty is determined by the specialty in which s/he has the highest earnings.

Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners for services, which were provided to Alberta residents. Unless otherwise specified, the data are for in-province payments only (i.e. payments made to Alberta physicians providing services to Alberta residents).

Physician services provided to Albertans in other provinces/territories are paid for under the medical reciprocal program. These payments are not included in the *Statistical Supplement*.

Pathology Services

Pathology has been listed as a separate category where feasible to reflect the fact that most laboratory services are no longer covered under AHCIP. Virtually all pathology services were transferred to the regional health authorities as of July 1, 1995. In the 1994/1995 fiscal year, pathology payments under the AHCIP were $118.3 million.

A few select pathology health services, such as minor consultations, electrocardiograms (technical) and skin tests, are still remunerated by the AHCIP. These figures are listed separately whenever possible to assist readers in making year-over-year comparisons that are appropriately adjusted for this funding transfer.

Physical Therapy

As of July 1, 1995, funding for physical therapy services was allocated to the community rehabilitation program administered by the regional health authorities.

No in-province physical therapy services have been paid through the AHCIP since that time, so all references to this allied practitioner group have been removed from the current *Statistical Supplement*. Prior year statistics for allied practitioners have been adjusted accordingly.

Chiropractic, Optometry and Podiatry

The maximum benefit for a chiropractic visit is $12.66, and for a x-ray is $20.95. The maximum annual patient limit for chiropractic services is $200.

Children under 19 and residents 65 and older are entitled to one complete, one partial and one diagnostic exam each year plus additional services when specific medical conditions exist.

Optometry services for Albertans aged 19 to 64 are not covered by the AHCIP.

Podiatry benefits are subject to set rates per service and a $250 annual maximum per patient.

Out-of-Country Health Coverage

Out-of-country basic health services are paid at Alberta rates and include payments for practitioner services provided outside of Canada in the 2001/2002 fiscal year.

Under certain circumstances the Out-of-Country Health Services Committee considers funding in addition to the benefits paid by the AHCIP for insured physician and insured hospital services that are not available in Canada. The program has specific criteria that must be met for funding to be considered.

Many foreign medical services cost more than the amount paid by Alberta Health and Wellness and any additional cost is the responsibility of the patient. Alberta Health and Wellness strongly encourages Albertans travelling outside Canada to purchase supplementary health insurance.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.1
Medical and Allied Practitioners: Selected Indicators
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Indicators	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
REGISTRATIONS					
Population Covered	2,847,538	2,912,925	2,957,045	3,007,582	3,072,384
Number of Discrete Physician Patients [1]	2,412,009	2,482,248	2,536,934	2,572,066	2,601,914
Number of Discrete Patients Per Physician [2]	565	559	547	530	512
OVERALL PHYSICIAN SUMMARY					
Number of Physician Services Provided	24,222,241	25,367,415	26,341,975	27,233,744	27,842,671
Number of Physicians	4,268	4,442	4,641	4,856	5,079
Number of Physicians Per 1,000 Persons	1.50	1.52	1.57	1.61	1.65
Number of Services Per Physician	5,675	5,711	5,676	5,608	5,482
Number of Services Per 1,000 Persons	8,506	8,709	8,908	9,055	9,062
Total Physician Payments	$784,844,154	$848,113,097	$903,542,952	$959,073,855	$1,061,169,693
Physician Payment Per 1,000 Persons	$275,622	$291,155	$305,556	$318,885	$345,390
Average Payment Per Physician	$183,890	$190,930	$194,687	$197,503	$208,933
PHYSICIAN SUMMARY EXCLUDING PATHOLOGY					
Number of Physician Services Provided	24,054,282	25,157,240	26,143,637	27,008,559	27,633,998
Number of Physicians	4,251	4,423	4,622	4,835	5,057
Number of Physicians Per 1,000 Persons	1.49	1.52	1.56	1.61	1.65
Number of Services Per Physician	5,658	5,688	5,656	5,586	5,465
Number of Services Per 1,000 Persons	8,447	8,636	8,841	8,980	8,994
Total Physician Payments	$782,756,686	$845,546,875	$901,117,280	$956,420,889	$1,058,282,619
Physician Payment Per 1,000 Persons	$274,889	$290,274	$304,736	$318,003	$344,450
Average Payment Per Physician	$184,135	$191,170	$194,963	$197,812	$209,271
ALLIED PRACTITIONER SUMMARY					
Number of Allied Services Provided	2,997,003	3,136,262	3,290,992	3,518,304	3,731,537
Number of Allied Practitioners	1,083	1,140	1,229	1,276	1,369
Number of Allied Practitioners Per 1,000 Persons	0.38	0.39	0.42	0.42	0.45
Number of Services Per Allied Practitioner	2,767	2,751	2,678	2,757	2,726
Number of Discrete Allied Patients [3]	638,382	670,261	703,909	745,461	787,743
Number of Discrete Patients Per Allied Practitioner	589	588	573	584	575
Total Payments to Allied Practitioners	$48,318,523	$51,059,632	$54,084,016	$57,804,028	$61,885,776
Allied Practitioner Payment Per 1,000 Persons	$16,969	$17,529	$18,290	$19,219	$20,143
Average Payment Per Allied Practitioner	$44,615	$44,789	$44,007	$45,301	$45,205

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(1) "Number of Discrete Physician Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one service.

(2) "Number of Discrete Patients Per Physician" in this instance refers to all Physicians, including Pathology.

(3) "Number of Discrete Allied Patients" represents a discrete count within all Allied Practitioners.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.1
Percentage Change for Medical and Allied Practitioners: Selected Indicators
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Indicators	Percentage Change			
	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
REGISTRATIONS				
Population Covered	2.30	1.51	1.71	2.15
Number of Discrete Physician Patients [1]	2.91	2.20	1.38	1.16
Number of Discrete Patients Per Physician [2]	(1.12)	(2.18)	(3.10)	(3.28)
OVERALL PHYSICIAN SUMMARY				
Number of Physician Services Provided	4.73	3.84	3.39	2.24
Number of Physicians	4.08	4.48	4.63	4.59
Number of Physicians Per 1,000 Persons	1.74	2.92	2.87	2.39
Number of Services Per Physician	0.63	(0.61)	(1.19)	(2.25)
Number of Services Per 1,000 Persons	2.38	2.29	1.65	0.08
Total Physician Payments	8.06	6.54	6.15	10.65
Physician Payment Per 1,000 Persons	5.64	4.95	4.36	8.31
Average Payment Per Physician	3.83	1.97	1.45	5.79
PHYSICIAN SUMMARY EXCLUDING PATHOLOGY				
Number of Physician Services Provided	4.59	3.92	3.31	2.32
Number of Physicians	4.05	4.50	4.61	4.59
Number of Physicians Per 1,000 Persons	1.71	2.94	2.85	2.39
Number of Services Per Physician	0.52	(0.55)	(1.24)	(2.18)
Number of Services Per 1,000 Persons	2.24	2.37	1.57	0.16
Total Physician Payments	8.02	6.57	6.14	10.65
Physician Payment Per 1,000 Persons	5.60	4.98	4.35	8.32
Average Payment Per Physician	3.82	1.98	1.46	5.79
ALLIED PRACTITIONER SUMMARY				
Number of Allied Services Provided	4.65	4.93	6.91	6.06
Number of Allied Practitioners	5.26	7.81	3.82	7.29
Number of Allied Practitioners Per 1,000 Persons	2.90	6.20	2.08	5.03
Number of Services Per Allied Practitioner	(0.59)	(2.67)	2.97	(1.14)
Number of Discrete Allied Patients [3]	4.99	5.02	5.90	5.67
Number of Discrete Patients Per Allied Practitioner	(0.26)	(2.59)	2.00	(1.51)
Total Payments to Allied Practitioners	5.67	5.92	6.88	7.06
Allied Practitioner Payment Per 1,000 Persons	3.30	4.34	5.08	4.80
Average Payment Per Allied Practitioner	0.39	(1.75)	2.94	(0.21)

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.2
Number of Physicians and Average Payments to Physicians Within Age Group
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Age Group	Number of Physicians					Percentage Change			
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Under 30	151	133	121	104	104	(11.92)	(9.02)	(14.05)	0.00
30 - 34	459	488	549	591	628	6.32	12.50	7.65	6.26
35 - 39	673	693	679	718	759	2.97	(2.02)	5.74	5.71
40 - 44	893	887	894	883	866	(0.67)	0.79	(1.23)	(1.93)
45 - 49	718	791	834	883	926	10.17	5.44	5.88	4.87
50 - 54	487	535	622	664	714	9.86	16.26	6.75	7.53
55 - 59	315	330	353	402	443	4.76	6.97	13.88	10.20
60 - 64	251	264	267	271	281	5.18	1.14	1.50	3.69
65 & Over	321	321	322	340	358	0.00	0.31	5.59	5.29
Total	4,268	4,442	4,641	4,856	5,079	4.08%	4.48%	4.63%	4.59%

Age Group	Average Payments					Percentage Change			
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Under 30	86,630	99,267	104,955	114,515	97,942	14.59	5.73	9.11	(14.47)
30 - 34	126,902	134,244	152,832	161,202	168,171	5.79	13.85	5.48	4.32
35 - 39	170,352	175,278	178,839	178,358	190,534	2.89	2.03	(0.27)	6.83
40 - 44	215,029	213,733	198,712	212,992	215,259	(0.60)	(7.03)	7.19	1.06
45 - 49	215,536	230,211	241,726	227,703	246,589	6.81	5.00	(5.80)	8.29
50 - 54	214,054	214,021	218,775	223,468	243,484	(0.02)	2.22	2.15	8.96
55 - 59	199,310	210,958	219,906	221,848	230,657	5.84	4.24	0.88	3.97
60 - 64	204,869	218,182	208,268	208,483	215,081	6.50	(4.54)	0.10	3.16
65 & Over	104,811	107,591	114,739	119,515	138,365	2.65	6.64	4.16	15.77
Total	$183,890	$190,930	$194,687	$197,503	208,933	3.83%	1.97%	1.45%	5.79%

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.3
Distribution of Physician and Allied Payments and Services Per Patient
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Practitioner Type	Total Payments[1]	Number of Services	Average Cost Per Service	Number of Discrete Patients[2]	Average Cost Per Discrete Patient	Number of Services Per Discrete Patient
Total	$1,123,055,469	31,574,208	$35.57	2,690,237	$417.46	12
Physicians	1,061,169,693	27,842,671	38.11	2,601,914	407.84	11
Oral Surgery	2,167,898	14,585	148.64	11,277	192.24	1
Chiropractic	38,535,026	3,043,585	12.66	442,260	87.13	7
Optometry	14,651,707	398,550	36.76	316,114	46.35	1
Podiatry	6,531,145	274,817	23.77	89,628	72.87	3

(1) The totals for payments may not add due to rounding.

(2) "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one service. The total represents a discrete count of patients within all practitioner types.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.4
Total Number of Services Provided by Physicians and Allied Practitioners
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Practitioner Type	Number of Services					Percentage Change			
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	27,219,244	28,503,677	29,632,967	30,752,048	31,574,208	4.72%	3.96%	3.78%	2.67%
Physicians	24,222,241	25,367,415	26,341,975	27,233,744	27,842,671	4.73	3.84	3.39	2.24
Oral Surgery	10,648	11,920	14,292	14,708	14,585	11.95	19.90	2.91	-0.84
Chiropractic	2,495,240	2,586,578	2,691,239	2,873,971	3,043,585	3.66	4.05	6.79	5.90
Optometry	295,887	317,188	345,207	372,318	398,550	7.20	8.83	7.85	7.05
Podiatry	195,228	220,576	240,254	257,307	274,817	12.98	8.92	7.10	6.81

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.5
Total and Average Gross Payments to Physicians and Allied Practitioners by Practitioner Type
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1997 to March 31, 2001

	Number of Practitioners					Percentage Change			
Practitioner Type	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	5,351	5,582	5,870	6,132	6,448	4.32%	5.16%	4.46%	5.15%
Physicians[1]	4,268	4,442	4,641	4,856	5,079	4.08	4.48	4.63	4.59
Oral Surgery	230	232	250	232	250	0.87	7.76	(7.20)	7.76
Chiropractic	552	589	645	689	745	6.70	9.51	6.82	8.13
Optometry	267	281	293	311	326	5.24	4.27	6.14	4.82
Podiatry	34	38	41	44	48	11.76	7.89	7.32	9.09

	Total Payments[2]					Percentage Change			
Practitioner Type	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	$833,162,676	$899,172,730	$957,626,968	$1,016,877,883	$1,123,055,469	7.92%	6.50%	6.19%	10.44%
Physicians[1]	784,844,154	848,113,097	903,542,952	959,073,855	1,061,169,693	8.06	6.54	6.15	10.65
Oral Surgery	1,691,797	1,853,322	2,092,003	2,116,386	2,167,898	9.55	12.88	1.17	2.43
Chiropractic	31,652,655	32,783,916	34,089,521	36,399,695	38,535,026	3.57	3.98	6.78	5.87
Optometry	10,462,663	11,321,945	12,291,858	13,233,240	14,651,707	8.21	8.57	7.66	10.72
Podiatry	4,511,408	5,100,450	5,610,635	6,054,707	6,531,145	13.06	10.00	7.91	7.87

	Average Payment					Percentage Change			
Practitioner Type	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	$155,702	$161,084	$163,139	$165,831	$174,171	3.46%	1.28%	1.65%	5.03%
Physicians[1]	183,890	190,930	194,687	197,503	208,933	3.83	1.97	1.45	5.79
Oral Surgery	7,356	7,988	8,368	9,122	8,672	8.60	4.75	9.01	(4.94)
Chiropractic	57,342	55,660	52,852	52,830	51,725	(2.93)	(5.05)	(0.04)	(2.09)
Optometry	39,186	40,292	41,952	42,551	44,944	2.82	4.12	1.43	5.62
Podiatry	132,688	134,222	136,845	137,607	136,066	1.16	1.95	0.56	(1.12)

(1) These data include pathology payments. Since pathology services were transferred in 1995, percentage changes are not strictly comparable and should be interpreted with caution.
(2) The totals for payments may not add due to rounding.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.6
Distribution of Physicians and Allied Practitioners by Gross Payment Range
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

	Total					Physicians					Oral Surgery				
Dollar Range	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Total	5,351	5,582	5,870	6,132	6,448	4,268	4,442	4,641	4,856	5,079	230	232	250	232	250
Less than $10,000	497	505	539	510	540	203	206	204	204	210	201	203	220	201	219
10,000- 19,999	234	218	226	252	238	148	131	123	136	122	8	7	6	6	10
20,000- 39,999	410	421	425	463	524	219	205	218	224	257	4	3	4	7	4
40,000- 59,999	427	456	463	494	489	245	259	248	271	251	5	9	8	5	2
60,000- 79,999	386	428	430	435	466	258	281	264	262	277	5	3	6	7	7
80,000- 99,999	366	346	355	397	399	273	264	272	295	291	4	4	1	2	4
100,000-119,999	322	325	331	356	329	265	274	276	303	284	1		1		
120,000-139,999	320	321	343	334	335	293	290	313	311	302	1	1	1	1	1
140,000-159,999	324	326	310	304	320	313	314	294	282	298	1	1			
160,000-179,999	301	322	345	327	307	297	316	338	320	299			1		
180,000-199,999	304	289	283	287	288	302	284	280	282	284		1	1	2	1
200,000-299,999	915	1,024	1,088	1,145	1,175	908	1,018	1,080	1,139	1,167			1	1	2
300,000-399,999	329	351	403	453	574	329	351	403	453	574					
400,000-499,999	98	119	154	153	194	98	119	154	153	194					
500,000-599,999	52	54	71	80	87	52	54	71	80	87					
600,000-699,999	17	24	38	57	80	16	23	37	56	79					
700,000-799,999	9	5	13	19	28	9	5	13	19	28					
800,000-899,999	5	8	13	14	19	5	8	13	14	19					
900,000-999,999	5	8	6	13	7	5	8	6	13	7					
1,000,000 & Over	30	32	34	39	49	30	32	34	39	49					

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.6
Distribution of Physicians and Allied Practitioners by Gross Payment Range
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

	Chiropractic					Optometry					Podiatry				
Dollar Range	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Total	552	589	645	689	745	267	281	293	311	326	34	38	41	44	48
Less than $10,000	68	71	89	73	93	24	25	25	32	16	1		1		2
10,000- 19,999	47	49	67	79	71	30	30	30	31	35	1	1			
20,000- 39,999	93	111	113	138	161	93	101	89	92	100	1	1	1	2	2
40,000- 59,999	103	115	128	142	147	73	71	78	75	87	1	2	1	1	2
60,000- 79,999	89	102	105	109	126	32	37	52	55	55	2	5	3	2	1
80,000- 99,999	74	65	66	74	75	12	12	15	21	27	3	1	1	5	2
100,000-119,999	50	43	46	47	33	2	5	2	3	5	4	3	6	3	7
120,000-139,999	20	23	20	13	23	1		2	1	1	5	7	7	8	8
140,000-159,999	5	6	7	9	10				1		5	5	9	12	12
160,000-179,999	1	2	2	3	4						3	4	4	4	4
180,000-199,999					1						2	4	2	3	2
200,000-299,999	1	1	1	1							6	5	6	4	6
300,000-399,999															
400,000-499,999															
500,000-599,999															
600,000-699,999	1	1	1	1	1										
700,000-799,999															
800,000-899,999															
900,000-999,999															
1,000,000 & Over															

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.7
Distribution of Physician Payments and Services Per Patient [1]
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Year	Total Physician Payments	Number of Services	Average Cost Per Service	Number of Discrete Patients[1]	Average Cost Per Discrete Patient	Number of Services Per Patient	Population Covered
1997/1998	$784,844,154	24,222,241	$32.40	2,412,009	$325.39	10.04	2,847,538
1998/1999	$848,113,097	25,367,415	$33.43	2,482,248	$341.67	10.22	2,912,925
1999/2000	$903,542,952	26,341,975	$34.30	2,536,934	$356.16	10.38	2,957,045
2000/2001	$959,073,855	27,233,744	$35.22	2,572,066	$372.88	10.59	3,007,582
2001/2002	$1,061,169,693	27,842,671	$38.11	2,601,914	$407.84	10.70	3,072,384
Percentage Change 2002/2001	10.65	2.24	8.23	1.16	9.38	1.06	2.15
Annual Average % Change for Last 5 Years	7.83	3.54	4.14	1.91	5.81	1.60	1.92

(1) "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one service.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.8
Distribution of Discrete Patients by Payment Range
For Services Provided by Physicians
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Dollar Range	Distribution Of		
	Discrete Patients[1]	Payments	Services
Total	2,601,914	$1,061,169,693	27,842,671
$ 0.01 - 50.00	400,284	13,004,281	472,042
50.01 - 100.00	426,960	31,272,844	1,063,143
100.01 - 200.00	547,427	79,505,694	2,597,267
200.01 - 300.00	325,931	80,321,969	2,535,266
300.01 - 400.00	212,385	73,668,010	2,262,237
400.01 - 500.00	143,760	64,242,044	1,906,949
500.01 - 600.00	100,350	54,923,362	1,586,065
600.01 - 700.00	72,630	47,042,847	1,322,707
700.01 - 800.00	55,327	41,376,801	1,119,357
800.01 - 900.00	43,771	37,125,396	976,047
900.01 - 1,000.00	35,758	33,923,423	873,144
1,000.01 - 2,000.00	159,839	220,403,730	5,024,337
2,000.01 - 3,000.00	43,658	105,156,802	2,254,884
3,000.01 - 4,000.00	15,152	51,845,935	1,145,752
4,000.01 - 5,000.00	6,653	29,593,621	664,435
5,000.01 and Over	12,029	97,762,935	2,039,039

(1) "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one medical service during the fiscal year.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.8A
Percentage Distribution of Discrete Patients by Payment Range
For Services Provided by Physicians
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Dollar Range	Percentage Distribution		
	Discrete Patients[1]	Payments	Services
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
$ 0.01 - 50.00	15.38%	1.23%	1.70%
50.01 - 100.00	16.41%	2.95%	3.82%
100.01 - 200.00	21.04%	7.49%	9.33%
200.01 - 300.00	12.53%	7.57%	9.11%
300.01 - 400.00	8.16%	6.94%	8.13%
400.01 - 500.00	5.53%	6.05%	6.85%
500.01 - 600.00	3.86%	5.18%	5.70%
600.01 - 700.00	2.79%	4.43%	4.75%
700.01 - 800.00	2.13%	3.90%	4.02%
800.01 - 900.00	1.68%	3.50%	3.51%
900.01 - 1,000.00	1.37%	3.20%	3.14%
1,000.01 - 2,000.00	6.14%	20.77%	18.05%
2,000.01 - 3,000.00	1.68%	9.91%	8.10%
3,000.01 - 4,000.00	0.58%	4.89%	4.12%
4,000.01 - 5,000.00	0.26%	2.79%	2.39%
5,000.01 and Over	0.46%	9.21%	7.32%

(1) "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one medical service during the fiscal year.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.9
Distribution of Physicians by Specialty
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Physicians by Specialty	Number of Practitioners				
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Total: All Physicians	4,268	4,442	4,641	4,856	5,079
Subtotal:					
All Physicians (except Pathology)	4,251	4,423	4,622	4,835	5,057
All Specialists (except GP/FPs & Pathology)	1,886	1,959	2,077	2,176	2,311
Physicians by Specialty					
Anaesthesiology	199	206	215	237	245
Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery	19	18	17	18	21
Dermatology	33	37	34	35	36
Emergency Medicine	41	45	49	57	61
General/Family Physicians (GP/FPs)	2,365	2,464	2,545	2,659	2,746
- General/Family Physicians	2,346	2,443	2,521	2,633	2,594
- Full Time Emergency Room Physicians[1]	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	128
- Mental Health Generalist	14	15	19	18	16
- Other General Practice Physicians	5	6	5	8	8
General Surgery	131	134	139	146	142
- General Surgery designated specialty	126	128	132	135	129
- Other General Surgery	5	6	7	11	13
Internal Medicine	395	411	436	456	510
- Internal Medicine designated specialty	284	292	311	313	323
- Cardiology	49	49	51	54	57
- Endocrinology/Metabolism	10	10	8	7	7
- Gastroenterology	22	20	20	22	31
- Infectious Diseases	8	9	11	12	11
- Other Internal Medicine	22	31	35	48	81
Neurology	49	51	54	59	64
Neurosurgery	16	19	18	20	21
Obstetrics-Gynaecology	122	123	125	122	124
Ophthalmology	87	85	83	85	85
Orthopaedic Surgery	95	97	99	100	106
Otolaryngology	34	32	31	32	33
Paediatrics	205	216	215	231	227
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	23	23	23	23	26
Plastic Surgery	35	35	34	36	38
Psychiatry	269	277	299	299	317
- Psychiatry designated specialty	239	254	277	278	299
- Mental Health specialty	30	23	22	21	18
Urology	32	33	35	36	36
Laboratory Specialists	118	136	190	205	241
- Pathology	17	19	19	21	22
- Radiology	101	117	171	184	219

(1) New specialty effective January 1, 2001.

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.9A
Distribution of Average Gross Payments
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Physicians by Specialty	Average Payment					Percentage Change			
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total: All Physicians	$183,890	$190,930	$194,687	$197,503	$208,933	3.83%	1.97%	1.45%	5.79%
Subtotal:									
All Physicians (except Pathology)	184,135	191,170	194,963	197,812	209,271	3.82	1.98	1.46	5.79
All Specialists (except GP/FPs & Pathology)	225,421	235,684	236,213	241,608	252,793	4.55	0.22	2.28	4.63
Physicians by Specialty									
Anaesthesiology	198,377	206,525	206,602	199,312	215,243	4.11	0.04	(3.53)	7.99
Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery	442,902	464,911	537,495	523,341	482,665	4.97	15.61	(2.63)	(7.77)
Dermatology	321,901	332,401	355,231	356,581	396,739	3.26	6.87	0.38	11.26
Emergency Medicine	132,544	137,489	137,378	143,422	147,411	3.73	(0.08)	4.40	2.78
General/Family Physicians (GP/FPs)	151,210	155,780	161,298	161,971	172,643	3.02	3.54	0.42	6.59
- General/Family Physicians	151,445	156,048	161,596	162,288	173,515	3.04	3.56	0.43	6.92
- Full Time Emergency Room Physicians[1]	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	165,081	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
- Mental Health Generalist	127,956	139,673	139,057	155,982	139,951	9.16	(0.44)	12.17	(10.28)
- Other General Practice Physicians	105,971	87,124	95,495	71,066	76,233	(17.79)	9.61	(25.58)	7.27
General Surgery	233,411	245,105	245,272	257,268	274,810	5.01	0.07	4.89	6.82
- General Surgery designated specialty	231,111	246,835	244,355	258,432	275,892	6.80	(1.00)	5.76	6.76
- Other General Surgery	291,379	208,194	262,561	242,978	264,074	(28.55)	26.11	(7.46)	8.68
Internal Medicine	184,472	197,283	203,085	211,980	217,531	6.94	2.94	4.38	2.62
- Internal Medicine designated specialty	175,157	183,232	184,834	186,392	187,563	4.61	0.87	0.84	0.63
- Cardiology	284,937	330,329	372,429	407,983	422,672	15.93	12.74	9.55	3.60
- Endocrinology/Metabolism	70,066	84,476	91,101	82,369	81,283	20.57	7.84	(9.58)	(1.32)
- Gastroenterology	238,043	267,447	264,207	268,325	275,359	12.35	(1.21)	1.56	2.62
- Infectious Diseases	46,182	72,935	59,983	81,508	93,202	57.93	(17.76)	35.89	14.35
- Other Internal Medicine	129,685	146,557	154,151	184,023	199,204	13.01	5.18	19.38	8.25
Neurology	125,945	131,934	135,765	134,731	138,092	4.75	2.90	(0.76)	2.49
Neurosurgery	250,154	247,281	285,472	234,566	230,187	(1.15)	15.44	(17.83)	(1.87)
Obstetrics-Gynaecology	237,830	242,301	266,600	288,779	303,457	1.88	10.03	8.32	5.08
Ophthalmology	372,120	403,831	426,081	455,009	508,304	8.52	5.51	6.79	11.71
Orthopaedic Surgery	207,862	215,814	220,017	239,291	255,405	3.83	1.95	8.76	6.73
Otolaryngology	321,299	347,363	392,555	397,989	441,012	8.11	13.01	1.38	10.81
Paediatrics	115,862	120,447	125,915	125,727	139,214	3.96	4.54	(0.15)	10.73
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	152,913	93,576	97,400	102,649	94,196	(38.80)	4.09	5.39	(8.24)
Plastic Surgery	252,552	263,716	270,421	277,029	288,808	4.42	2.54	2.44	4.25
Psychiatry	148,529	152,920	152,007	159,515	167,590	2.96	(0.60)	4.94	5.06
- Psychiatry designated specialty	151,723	155,492	154,200	161,711	168,914	2.48	(0.83)	4.87	4.45
- Mental Health specialty	123,080	124,517	124,389	130,438	145,591	1.17	(0.10)	4.86	11.62
Urology	281,053	298,455	292,602	293,492	315,435	6.19	(1.96)	0.30	7.48
Laboratory Specialists	614,822	615,682	466,994	458,567	437,112	0.14	(24.15)	(1.80)	(4.68)
- Pathology	122,792	135,064	127,667	126,332	131,230	9.99	(5.48)	(1.05)	3.88
- Radiology	697,639	693,731	504,697	496,486	467,839	(0.56)	(27.25)	(1.63)	(5.77)

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.9B
Distribution of Median Gross Payments
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Physicians by Specialty	Median Payment					Percentage Change			
	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total: All Physicians	$154,459	$159,905	$165,958	$169,086	$175,783	3.53%	3.79%	1.88%	3.96%
Subtotal:									
All Physicians (except Pathology)	154,846	160,251	166,084	167,471	176,336	3.49	3.64	0.84	5.29
All Specialists (except GP/FPs & Pathology)	171,987	177,399	190,892	187,803	202,150	3.15	7.61	(1.62)	7.64
Physicians by Specialty									
Anaesthesiology	203,556	219,861	224,118	218,317	230,781	8.01	1.94	(2.59)	5.71
Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery	483,455	493,753	528,553	513,802	516,373	2.13	7.05	(2.79)	0.50
Dermatology	297,912	307,073	312,161	310,463	359,685	3.08	1.66	(0.54)	15.85
Emergency Medicine	139,385	149,310	139,207	129,842	137,042	7.12	(6.77)	(6.73)	5.55
General/Family Physicians (GP/FPs)	148,390	152,882	155,358	157,228	164,939	3.03	1.62	1.20	4.90
- General/Family Physicians	148,618	153,020	155,491	157,411	165,116	2.96	1.61	1.24	4.89
- Full Time Emergency Room Physicians[1]	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	170,658	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
- Mental Health Generalist	120,607	156,264	151,631	164,987	162,645	29.56	(2.96)	8.81	(1.42)
- Other General Practice Physicians	60,417	42,557	29,763	12,224	8,241	(29.56)	(30.06)	(58.93)	(32.58)
General Surgery	260,014	263,529	252,122	279,211	313,357	1.35	(4.33)	10.74	12.23
- General Surgery designated specialty	260,606	265,134	254,515	278,956	321,593	1.74	(4.01)	9.60	15.28
- Other General Surgery	248,791	204,555	238,989	280,436	275,351	(17.78)	16.83	17.34	(1.81)
Internal Medicine	139,724	142,587	151,990	157,376	152,032	2.05	6.59	3.54	(3.40)
- Internal Medicine designated specialty	142,202	145,286	147,711	148,365	135,979	2.17	1.67	0.44	(8.35)
- Cardiology	240,249	319,369	316,530	386,820	391,169	32.93	(0.89)	22.21	1.12
- Endocrinology/Metabolism	82,976	85,729	84,099	68,951	68,619	3.32	(1.90)	(18.01)	(0.48)
- Gastroenterology	231,396	252,946	277,385	255,773	269,451	9.31	9.66	(7.79)	5.35
- Infectious Diseases	50,084	73,473	40,390	69,233	72,588	46.70	(45.03)	71.41	4.85
- Other Internal Medicine	94,590	110,327	105,634	144,945	142,293	16.64	(4.25)	37.21	(1.83)
Neurology	97,709	100,214	121,129	105,090	112,291	2.56	20.87	(13.24)	6.85
Neurosurgery	261,917	271,731	273,880	245,009	246,880	3.75	0.79	(10.54)	0.76
Obstetrics-Gynaecology	216,504	230,928	234,957	261,429	270,979	6.66	1.74	11.27	3.65
Ophthalmology	302,833	362,196	369,719	388,330	449,006	19.60	2.08	5.03	15.62
Orthopaedic Surgery	235,560	246,238	241,714	267,151	290,831	4.53	(1.84)	10.52	8.86
Otolaryngology	351,830	351,947	390,392	396,680	423,991	0.03	10.92	1.61	6.88
Paediatrics	88,745	84,571	85,658	90,852	102,887	(4.70)	1.29	6.06	13.25
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	73,626	85,284	85,934	104,489	81,064	15.83	0.76	21.59	(22.42)
Plastic Surgery	229,504	249,381	270,782	280,033	295,454	8.66	8.58	3.42	5.51
Psychiatry	149,143	149,401	148,493	152,378	160,307	0.17	(0.61)	2.62	5.20
- Psychiatry designated specialty	150,881	153,770	151,336	153,125	161,230	1.91	(1.58)	1.18	5.29
- Mental Health specialty	130,181	125,690	133,731	134,004	133,647	(3.45)	6.40	0.20	(0.27)
Urology	289,310	302,200	302,792	285,928	326,676	4.46	0.20	(5.57)	14.25
Laboratory Specialists	61,693	72,697	297,226	375,164	312,376	17.84	308.86	26.22	(16.74)
- Pathology	3,338	897	2,424	1,846	1,850	(73.13)	170.25	(23.85)	0.24
- Radiology	91,792	107,463	350,163	432,283	392,726	17.07	225.85	23.45	(9.15)

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	All Physicians		All Physicians (except Pathology)		All Specialties (except General/Family Physicians & Pathology)	
Dollar Range	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians
Total	$1,061,169,693	5,079	$1,058,282,619	5,057	$584,205,661	2,311
Less Than $10,000	884,402	210	859,318	194	357,393	91
10,000- 19,999	1,789,646	122	1,789,646	122	850,317	56
20,000- 39,999	7,523,675	257	7,502,824	256	2,771,113	97
40,000- 59,999	12,642,713	251	12,596,691	250	6,021,310	120
60,000- 79,999	19,530,411	277	19,530,411	277	8,766,864	124
80,000- 99,999	26,117,863	291	26,117,863	291	11,617,660	130
100,000-119,999	31,182,794	284	31,182,794	284	11,730,236	107
120,000-139,999	39,262,559	302	39,262,559	302	15,571,295	120
140,000-159,999	44,593,670	298	44,593,670	298	16,806,945	112
160,000-179,999	50,725,747	299	50,725,747	299	16,772,524	99
180,000-199,999	54,091,475	284	54,091,475	284	16,913,940	89
200,000-299,999	285,311,884	1,167	285,110,697	1,166	119,185,959	480
300,000-399,999	197,507,921	574	197,507,921	574	102,976,394	296
400,000-499,999	85,844,916	194	85,421,294	193	63,003,171	142
500,000-599,999	47,340,442	87	47,340,442	87	39,665,897	73
600,000-699,999	51,227,116	79	50,568,038	78	48,640,893	75
700,000-799,999	21,016,739	28	21,016,739	28	19,489,263	26
800,000-899,999	16,067,718	19	16,067,718	19	16,067,718	19
900,000-999,999	6,808,370	7	6,808,370	7	6,808,370	7
1,000,000 & Over	61,699,630	49	60,188,400	48	60,188,400	48

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	Anaesthesiology		Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery		Dermatology	
Dollar Range	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians
Total	$52,734,508	245	$10,135,967	21	$14,282,611	36
Less Than $10,000	25,283	5			2,028	1
10,000- 19,999	52,149	3				
20,000- 39,999	167,397	6	23,112	1		
40,000- 59,999	191,847	4			49,471	1
60,000- 79,999	518,120	7	77,231	1		
80,000- 99,999	1,145,535	13			86,323	1
100,000-119,999	997,676	9	114,174	1	119,207	1
120,000-139,999	1,285,001	10				
140,000-159,999	1,963,430	13	146,803	1	296,531	2
160,000-179,999	2,528,167	15			170,443	1
180,000-199,999	1,541,783	8			371,146	2
200,000-299,999	29,645,201	118			1,469,282	6
300,000-399,999	8,868,487	26	1,757,929	5	2,152,577	6
400,000-499,999	2,643,712	6	400,886	1	1,324,581	3
500,000-599,999	500,703	1	3,303,454	6	1,580,611	3
600,000-699,999	660,018	1	638,959	1	3,877,840	6
700,000-799,999			1,481,733	2		
800,000-899,999					1,739,996	2
900,000-999,999						
1,000,000 & Over			2,191,685	2	1,042,575	1

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	Emergency Medicine		All General/Family Physicians		All General Surgery	
Dollar Range	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians
Total	$8,992,057	61	$474,076,958	2,746	$39,022,994	142
Less Than $10,000	2,324	3	501,925	103	4,062	2
10,000- 19,999	16,809	1	939,330	66	40,580	3
20,000- 39,999	30,920	1	4,731,711	159	234,997	8
40,000- 59,999	194,617	4	6,575,381	130	291,442	6
60,000- 79,999	135,160	2	10,763,548	153	400,795	6
80,000- 99,999	536,762	6	14,500,203	161	348,658	4
100,000-119,999	670,727	6	19,452,559	177	209,158	2
120,000-139,999	1,043,841	8	23,691,264	182	517,953	4
140,000-159,999	904,291	6	27,786,726	186	1,048,442	7
160,000-179,999	350,014	2	33,953,223	200	171,498	1
180,000-199,999	1,111,567	6	37,177,535	195	559,742	3
200,000-299,999	3,672,808	15	165,924,738	686	5,441,054	22
300,000-399,999	322,219	1	94,531,528	278	16,526,926	47
400,000-499,999			22,418,123	51	8,088,879	18
500,000-599,999			7,674,545	14	3,141,381	6
600,000-699,999			1,927,146	3	1,279,297	2
700,000-799,999			1,527,475	2	718,130	1
800,000-899,999						
900,000-999,999						
1,000,000 & Over						

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	All Internal Medicine		Neurology		Neurosurgery	
Dollar Range	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians
Total	$110,940,901	510	$8,837,871	64	$4,833,929	21
Less than $10,000	74,494	20	15,178	3		
10,000- 19,999	164,576	11	37,456	2		
20,000- 39,999	797,416	28	92,969	3	39,304	1
40,000- 59,999	2,173,045	43	523,099	10		
60,000- 79,999	2,496,845	35	634,853	9	60,989	1
80,000- 99,999	3,668,614	41	355,917	4	99,172	1
100,000-119,999	3,171,812	29	454,318	4		
120,000-139,999	5,178,393	40	372,328	3		
140,000-159,999	2,882,712	19	440,407	3	289,561	2
160,000-179,999	3,062,448	18	1,015,211	6	333,731	2
180,000-199,999	3,977,128	21	379,792	2	380,033	2
200,000-299,999	18,596,992	75	2,335,597	10	1,534,697	6
300,000-399,999	16,630,125	48	1,074,825	3	2,096,441	6
400,000-499,999	15,319,198	35	443,656	1		
500,000-599,999	8,115,840	15				
600,000-699,999	12,890,310	20	662,266	1		
700,000-799,999	2,883,297	4				
800,000-899,999	1,621,201	2				
900,000-999,999						
1,000,000 & Over	7,236,457	6				

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	Obstetrics-Gynaecology		Ophthalmology		Orthopaedic Surgery	
Dollar Range	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians
Total	$37,628,719	124	$43,205,839	85	$27,072,916	106
Less than $10,000	8,655	2			32,106	8
10,000- 19,999	23,241	2			15,904	1
20,000- 39,999	158,376	5	86,461	3	21,563	1
40,000- 59,999	88,239	2			99,498	2
60,000- 79,999	520,215	7	77,999	1	253,803	4
80,000- 99,999	267,988	3	184,886	2	291,013	3
100,000-119,999	642,340	6	112,962	1	101,959	1
120,000-139,999	653,834	5	275,018	2	502,268	4
140,000-159,999	461,347	3	608,423	4	452,355	3
160,000-179,999	1,144,540	7	509,526	3	521,660	3
180,000-199,999	364,694	2	196,145	1	776,162	4
200,000-299,999	6,806,489	27	2,493,797	10	6,267,904	24
300,000-399,999	6,945,672	19	3,470,839	10	12,314,665	36
400,000-499,999	6,255,621	14	6,826,486	15	4,835,348	11
500,000-599,999	3,865,140	7	3,352,708	6	586,710	1
600,000-699,999	5,108,850	8	6,580,309	10		
700,000-799,999	786,954	1	2,176,909	3		
800,000-899,999	2,498,628	3	1,691,818	2		
900,000-999,999			1,979,817	2		
1,000,000 & Over	1,027,896	1	12,581,737	10		

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	Otolaryngology		Paediatrics		Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	
Dollar Range	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians
Total	$14,553,398	33	$31,601,687	227	$2,449,089	26
Less than $10,000	544	1	95,661	17	15,458	3
10,000- 19,999			214,770	15	16,632	1
20,000- 39,999			534,996	19	46,708	2
40,000- 59,999	40,207	1	873,589	17	103,681	2
60,000- 79,999			1,629,309	23	281,169	4
80,000- 99,999	82,325	1	1,483,854	17	349,792	4
100,000-119,999			1,480,529	14	218,729	2
120,000-139,999			1,709,377	13	260,298	2
140,000-159,999			1,955,435	13	301,403	2
160,000-179,999	169,922	1	1,334,777	8		
180,000-199,999	196,179	1	1,897,155	10	374,541	2
200,000-299,999	1,039,009	4	9,408,625	38	480,678	2
300,000-399,999	2,183,190	6	5,857,555	17		
400,000-499,999	2,700,390	6	844,748	2		
500,000-599,999	1,656,521	3	1,614,204	3		
600,000-699,999	3,353,561	5	667,101	1		
700,000-799,999	2,266,946	3				
800,000-899,999	864,604	1				
900,000-999,999						
1,000,000 & Over						

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	Plastic Surgery		All Psychiatry		Urology	
Dollar Range	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians
Total	$10,974,700	38	$53,126,014	317	$11,355,642	36
Less than $10,000	10,880	2	18,537	6		
10,000- 19,999			174,579	11	10,473	1
20,000- 39,999	32,738	1	275,496	10	27,942	1
40,000- 59,999			962,022	19		
60,000- 79,999			1,315,810	19		
80,000- 99,999	178,443	2	1,935,345	21		
100,000-119,999	220,492	2	2,536,291	23		
120,000-139,999	132,247	1	2,336,277	18	121,163	1
140,000-159,999			4,615,609	31		
160,000-179,999	513,332	3	3,920,510	23	343,909	2
180,000-199,999			4,029,102	21		
200,000-299,999	2,052,504	8	21,212,329	88	2,079,650	8
300,000-399,999	3,755,695	11	7,950,846	23	5,891,100	17
400,000-499,999	1,728,859	4	1,242,104	3	1,799,258	4
500,000-599,999	1,059,903	2			1,082,147	2
600,000-699,999	1,289,606	2	601,157	1		
700,000-799,999						
800,000-899,999						
900,000-999,999						
1,000,000 & Over						

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	Pathology		Radiology	
Dollar Range	Payments	Number of Physicians	Payments	Number of Physicians
Total	$2,887,074	22	$102,456,818	219
Less than $10,000	25,084	16	52,182	18
10,000- 19,999			83,147	5
20,000- 39,999	20,851	1	200,717	7
40,000- 59,999	46,022	1	430,555	9
60,000- 79,999			364,569	5
80,000- 99,999			603,033	7
100,000-119,999			679,861	6
120,000-139,999			1,183,298	9
140,000-159,999			440,197	3
160,000-179,999			682,836	4
180,000-199,999			758,772	4
200,000-299,999	201,187	1	4,649,344	19
300,000-399,999			5,177,303	15
400,000-499,999	423,622	1	8,549,445	19
500,000-599,999			9,806,575	18
600,000-699,999	659,078	1	11,031,619	17
700,000-799,999			9,175,295	12
800,000-899,999			7,651,471	9
900,000-999,999			4,828,553	5
1,000,000 & Over	1,511,229	1	36,108,050	28

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.11
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Physicians by Specialty
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Physicians by Specialty	Number of Physicians	Number of Full-Time Equivalent Physicians [2]	Proportion of Full Time Equivalent Physicians		Average Payment Per Full-Time Equivalent Physician	Number of Registered Persons Per Full-Time Equivalent Physician
			Above 60th Percentile	Below 40th Percentile		
All physicians (except Laboratory)[1]	4,838	4,341.0	34.6	47.6	$220,188	708
All specialists (except GP/FPs & Laboratory)	2,092	1,887.8	34.8	47.5	255,186	1,627
Physicians by Specialty						
Anaesthesiology	245	211.6	33.9	49.0	249,272	14,520
Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery	21	17.9	33.3	52.4	565,882	171,642
Dermatology	36	34.8	38.9	44.4	410,547	88,287
Emergency Medicine	61	54.2	32.8	49.2	165,820	56,686
General/Family Physicians (GP/FPs)	2,746	2,394.0	34.4	48.0	198,026	1,283
- General/Family Physicians	2,594	2,254.0	34.2	48.1	199,685	1,363
- Mental Health Generalist	16	13.1	37.5	43.8	170,653	234,533
- Full Time Emergency Room Physicians[3]	128	117.8	38.3	43.8	179,390	26,081
- Other General Practice Physicians	8	5.7	25.0	62.5	106,650	539,015
General Surgery	142	113.6	33.8	49.3	343,390	27,046
- General Surgery designated specialty	129	101.2	33.3	48.8	351,512	30,360
- Other General Surgery	13	12.3	38.5	46.2	279,167	249,787
Interal Medicine	510	485.7	34.9	47.3	228,422	6,326
- Internal Medicine designated specialty	323	302.1	33.4	48.9	200,552	10,170
- Cardiology	57	50.0	36.8	42.1	481,583	61,448
- Endocrinology/Metabolism	7	4.9	28.6	57.1	115,888	627,017
- Gastroenterology	31	30.5	38.7	41.9	280,151	100,734
- Infectious Diseases	11	12.9	45.5	36.4	79,669	238,169
- Other Internal Medicine	81	79.3	38.3	44.4	203,409	38,744
Neurology	64	56.5	34.4	48.4	156,483	54,378
Neurosurgery	21	18.1	33.3	52.4	267,305	169,745
Obstetrics-Gynaecology	124	112.6	37.1	44.4	334,110	27,286
Ophthalmology	85	82.6	37.6	43.5	523,063	37,196
Orthopaedic Surgery	106	86.1	34.0	49.1	314,287	35,684
Otolaryngology	33	30.9	36.4	42.4	470,527	99,430
Paediatrics	227	205.0	34.4	48.0	154,174	14,987
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	26	23.5	34.6	50.0	104,065	130,740
Plastic Surgery	38	34.4	36.8	44.7	319,141	89,313
Psychiatry	317	281.9	35.0	46.7	188,486	10,899
- Psychiatry designated specialty	299	263.6	34.4	47.2	191,631	11,655
- Mental Health specialty	18	18.3	38.9	33.3	143,147	167,890
Urology	36	33.7	38.9	44.4	337,440	91,169

(1) Laboratory physicians (Pathology and Radiology) are excluded.

(2) FTE methodology is as follows:

Definition of a Full-Time Equivalent Practitioner: The definition is based on the methodology developed in 1984 by Health Canada (Health Information Division).

Step 1: - Within each specialty or group of specialists, rank the amounts paid in ascending order; the lower and upper benchmarks are the payment values which correspond to the 40th and 60th percentile for those practitioners with claims in all four quarters of the fiscal year.

Step 2: - Count all physicians with payments within the lower and upper benchmark as one FTE.

- Count all physicians with payments below the lower benchmark as a fraction of a FTE equal to the ratio of his/her payments to the lower benchmark.
- Count all physicians with payments above the upper benchmark using a log-linear relationship, as 1 FTE plus the natural logarithm of the ratio of his/her payments to the upper benchmark. The reason for attributing diminishing weight to payments above the upper benchmark is to prevent outliers from seriously biasing the measure. This is not necessary on the lower benchmark because payments less than zero are not recorded and, as such, a natural barrier exists to prevent bias at the lower end.
- Since these calculations are not made in direct comparison of other jurisdictions, the benchmarks have not been deflated by fee schedule increases.

(3) New specialty effective January 1, 2001.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.12
Distribution of Physician Payments by Type of Service and Specialty [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2000 - March 31, 2001

Physicians by Specialty	Total	Consultations	Assessments		Hospital Care Days	Special Calls	Psycho-therapy/ Counselling
			Major	Other			
Total: All Physicians	$1,061,169,693	$112,931,922	$82,420,540	$315,803,904	$26,054,872	$31,773,824	$67,978,324
Subtotal							
All Physicians (except Pathology)	1,058,282,619	112,785,821	82,406,831	315,799,452	26,054,872	31,773,824	67,978,324
All Specialists (except GP/FPs & Pathology)	584,205,661	106,227,810	25,112,036	37,493,461	10,206,633	1,739,236	39,466,584
Physicians by Specialty							
Anaesthesiology	52,734,508	1,965,738	38,938	194,036	35,726	6,745	329,189
Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery	10,135,967	541,733	11,773	63,908	27,924	4,007	1,782
Dermatology	14,282,611	4,115,179	686,959	1,668,649	7,645	1,596	
Emergency Medicine	8,992,057	928,996	162,498	3,044,912	162	29,977	253,698
General/Family Physicians (GP/FPs)	474,076,958	6,558,010	57,294,795	278,305,991	15,848,239	30,034,589	28,511,740
- General/Family Physicians	450,097,502	5,532,807	56,886,091	268,718,249	15,839,090	29,986,720	26,274,949
- Full Time Emergency Room Physicians	21,130,372	825,354	299,051	9,182,931	7,953	47,381	436,973
- Mental Health Generalists	2,239,217	304	84,485	46,668	1,196	437	1,784,226
- Other General Practice Physicians	609,868	199,546	25,168	358,143		50	15,592
General Surgery	39,022,994	8,482,971	316,261	2,446,786	474,297	88,195	9,819
- General Surgery designated specialty	35,590,037	7,722,081	305,348	2,354,479	455,809	82,123	9,819
- Other General Surgery	3,432,957	760,889	10,913	92,307	18,487	6,072	
Internal Medicine	110,940,901	41,024,007	1,747,144	7,954,051	6,803,547	352,066	366,844
- Internal Medicine designated specialty	60,582,752	26,571,931	1,473,753	6,367,578	5,247,266	315,723	307,988
- Cardiology	24,092,277	5,484,910		370,673	724,452	7,569	1,323
- Critical Care Medicine	9,116,846	1,238,315	16,945	73,014	47,771	6,864	19,948
- Endocrinology/Metabolism	568,983	434,279	18,544	82,984	9,376		
- Gastroenterology	8,536,129	3,625,437	61,143	292,387	196,956	6,647	4,823
- Infectious Diseases	1,025,223	763,104	36,916	178,726	29,935	947	
- Other Internal Medicine	7,018,691	2,906,031	139,843	588,689	547,792	14,315	32,763
Neurology	8,837,871	6,737,534	67,590	485,951	435,942	16,771	13,474
Neurosurgery	4,833,929	475,500	56,074	87,778	56,998	591.30	165
Obstetrics-Gynaecology	37,628,719	6,810,094	1,751,339	5,512,787	275,121	928,000	29,467
Ophthalmology	43,205,839	4,194,251	11,543,684	2,896,367	1,602	69,703	
Orthopaedic Surgery	27,072,916	6,460,450	274,987	2,524,043	121,962	12,180	10,104
Otolaryngology	14,553,398	2,854,400	348,140	855,215	10,766	18,682	73
Paediatrics	31,601,687	9,904,365	6,875,470	8,179,824	1,541,814	181,083	1,433,927
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	2,449,089	1,112,594	20,845	313,328	338,998	3,308	294,828
Plastic Surgery	10,974,700	1,665,728	264,771	584,623	13,453	9,868	248
Psychiatry	53,126,014	5,875,865	742,591	12,968	14,690	5,862	36,678,368
- Psychiatry designated specialty	50,505,376	5,873,447	696,288	12,938	14,690	5,862	34,972,009
- Mental Health Specialists	2,620,638	2,418	46,303	30			1,706,360
Urology	11,355,642	3,073,648	168,793	629,631	45,984	10,601	17,386
Laboratory Specialists	105,343,892	150,858	47,887	43,055			27,210
- Pathology	2,887,074	146,101	13,709	4,452			
- Radiology	102,456,818	4,757	34,178	38,603			27,210

(1) The total for payments by specialty have been rounded.

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.12
Distribution of Physician Payments by Type of Service and Specialty [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2000 - March 31, 2001

Physicians by Specialty	Major Surgery	Minor Surgery	Anaes-thesia	Obstetrical Services	Diagnostic & Therapeutic Ser-vices - Radiology	Laboratory Services
Total: All Physicians	$147,590,309	$16,890,553	$11,002,015	$23,102,529	$81,212,555	$26,724,990
Subtotal						
All Physicians (except Pathology)	147,589,300	16,890,553	11,002,015	23,102,529	81,212,555	26,724,990
All Specialists (except GP/FPs & Pathology)	133,932,380	5,979,649	9,542,008	13,807,612	80,386,876	26,724,641
Physicians by Specialty						
Anaesthesiology	32,233,499	1,166,568	9,267,967	1,774,924	19,534	
Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery	9,171,255	1,572	26			
Dermatology	2,141,552	1,189,032	78,688			
Emergency Medicine	411,738	759,622	11,825	1,351		
General/Family Physicians (GP/FPs)	13,656,920	10,910,904	1,460,006	9,294,917	825,679	349
- General/Family Physicians	12,583,743	8,821,357	1,385,763	9,285,640	825,679	349
- Full Time Emergency Room Physicians	1,073,178	2,083,202	74,243	9,277		
- Mental Health Generalists		653				
- Other General Practice Physicians		5,691				
General Surgery	21,888,495	523,807	2,477	52,805	314,271	
- General Surgery designated specialty	19,704,800	500,989	2,477	52,805	24,090	
- Other General Surgery	2,183,696	22,818			290,181	
Internal Medicine	3,902,417	243,068	45,476	15,880	3,639,436	2,790,602
- Internal Medicine designated specialty	463,685	148,718	2,127	4,548	242,054	448,854
- Cardiology	2,675,270	53,710	19		3,381,754	2,341,748
- Critical Care Medicine	742,779	16,706	37,824	7,702		
- Endocrinology/Metabolism					15,499	
- Gastroenterology	10,648	21,894	208		129	
- Infectious Diseases		399				
- Other Internal Medicine	10,035	1,640	5,298	3,630		
Neurology		1,925	4,586		96,808	
Neurosurgery	4,114,845	415	2,895			
Obstetrics-Gynaecology	5,976,592	40,411	1,673	11,941,661	514,828	
Ophthalmology	18,066,231	149,901		78	1,585,548	
Orthopaedic Surgery	17,337,252	69,198	47,586	1,008	173	
Otolaryngology	4,822,439	1,274,529	26			
Paediatrics	272,252	163,532	2,808	15,944	1,970	
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	591		24,690			
Plastic Surgery	7,764,437	374,917	1,095			
Psychiatry		46				
- Psychiatry designated specialty		46				
- Mental Health Specialists						
Urology	4,721,438	14,307	375	602	41	
Laboratory Specialists	1,108,357	6,799	49,817	3,360	74,214,265	23,934,039
- Pathology	1,009					
- Radiology	1,107,348	6,799	49,817	3,360	74,214,265	23,934,039

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For the Service Year April 1, 2000 - March 31, 2001

Physicians by Specialty	Other Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services	Special Services	Miscellaneous Services
Total: All Physicians	$103,833,342	$1,608,631	$12,241,382
Subtotal			
All Physicians (except Pathology)	101,111,540	1,608,631	12,241,382
All Specialists (except GP/FPs & Pathology)	82,812,407	148,082	10,626,245
Physicians by Specialty			
Anaesthesiology	5,121,707	1,302	578,634
Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery	276,931		35,056
Dermatology	4,393,226	11	72
Emergency Medicine	3,359,177	197	27,904
General/Family Physicians (GP/FPs)	18,299,133	1,460,549	1,615,137
- General/Family Physicians	11,304,761	1,458,269	1,194,035
- Full Time Emergency Room Physicians	6,989,144	1,236	100,449
- Mental Health Generalists	526	292	320,430
- Other General Practice Physicians	4,702	753	223
General Surgery	4,409,318	1,780	11,712
- General Surgery designated specialty	4,371,908	1,780	1,527
- Other General Surgery	37,410		10,184
Internal Medicine	41,677,456	8,920	369,988
- Internal Medicine designated specialty	18,656,883	8,063	323,582
- Cardiology	9,047,181		3,668
- Critical Care Medicine	6,889,310		19,666
- Endocrinology/Metabolism	8,278		23
- Gastroenterology	4,314,754	595	508
- Infectious Diseases	14,850	91	256
- Other Internal Medicine	2,746,200	171	22,286
Neurology	929,895	44,715	2,679
Neurosurgery	34,462		4,207
Obstetrics-Gynaecology	3,769,815	61,002	15,929
Ophthalmology	4,696,539		1,935
Orthopaedic Surgery	180,760	10,365	22,848
Otolaryngology	4,367,012		2,115
Paediatrics	2,793,329	8,655	226,714
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	331,372	8,535	
Plastic Surgery	290,245		5,315
Psychiatry	474,116	367	9,321,140
- Psychiatry designated specialty	471,680	367	8,458,048
- Mental Health Specialists	2,436		863,092
Urology	2,672,101	737	
Laboratory Specialists	5,756,748	1,496	
- Pathology	2,721,802		
- Radiology	3,034,946	1,496	

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.13
Physician Services & Payments Per 1,000 Insured Persons by Type of Service, Age and Gender of Recipient
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Age & Gender / Service Type		All Age Groups		Under 1		1 - 4		5 - 14		15 - 24	
		Services	Amount Paid ($)	Services	Amount Paid ($)	Services	Amount Paid ($)	Services	Amount Paid ($)	Services	Amount Paid ($)
	F	10,661	$407,187	9,362	$410,205	6,093	$216,901	4,264	$132,774	7,997	$288,711
Total	M	7,461	283,480	10,180	454,796	7,001	256,332	4,699	150,841	4,305	153,838
	F	499	40,290	733	83,743	259	22,427	205	15,216	320	24,113
Consultations	M	400	33,217	860	97,236	352	29,357	271	19,417	192	14,466
	F	635	32,248	1,583	89,293	630	33,362	324	16,740	478	23,817
Major Assessment	M	408	21,429	1,607	91,382	673	35,956	340	17,659	201	10,230
	F	4,819	122,851	4,676	127,818	3,992	108,101	2,211	58,568	4,144	108,049
Other Assessment	M	3,186	82,688	5,021	137,377	4,336	117,833	2,165	57,633	1,971	52,140
	F	464	9,164	1,096	27,374	150	3,457	44	1,000	116	2,420
Hospital Care Days	M	386	7,792	1,250	31,102	179	4,099	46	1,046	68	1,407
	F	120	11,833	110	12,362	113	12,555	61	6,498	114	12,545
Special Calls	M	87	8,851	128	13,901	133	14,845	67	7,150	69	7,865
Psychotherapy/	F	1,071	26,888	27	949	47	1,435	207	5,716	740	19,441
Counselling	M	672	17,356	34	1,197	75	2,239	388	11,338	538	14,682
	F	368	48,190	125	20,587	92	12,933	88	10,647	159	19,149
Major Surgery	M	354	47,885	190	32,209	157	21,359	114	13,730	190	21,894
	F	78	4,302	19	1,044	84	5,729	72	4,318	78	4,186
Minor Surgery	M	108	6,660	30	1,538	133	9,182	105	6,842	134	8,693
	F	120	6,023	19	986	81	4,038	34	1,649	167	8,470
Anaesthesiology	M	23	1,134	17	940	94	4,717	36	1,768	7	295
	F	93	15,025					--	51	164	25,666
Obstetrical Services	M										
Therapeutic	F	624	38,229	35	1,446	74	2,329	119	3,882	323	18,989
Services, Radiology	M	318	14,615	45	1,897	87	2,562	129	3,716	202	6,789
	F	71	13,397			--	12	1	283	7	1,475
Laboratory Services	M	17	3,991			--	39	1	238	5	1,001
Other Diagnostic &	F	1,443	34,008	928	44,361	552	10,135	830	6,510	974	15,726
Therapeutic Services	M	1,301	33,583	986	45,530	755	13,465	918	7,294	566	10,063
	F	111	708	1	5	8	57	11	79	68	456
Special Services	M	61	339	--	5	8	75	14	95	15	85
Miscellaneous	F	144	4,030	8	236	12	331	56	1,616	146	4,210
Services	M	139	3,939	11	480	20	605	104	2,915	146	4,226

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.13
Physician Services & Payments Per 1,000 Insured Persons by Type of Service, Age and Gender of Recipient
For the Service Year Ended April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Age & Gender / Service Type		25 - 44		45 - 64		65 - 74		75 and Older	
		Services	Amount Paid ($)	Services	Amount Paid ($)	Services	Amount Paid ($)	Services	Amount Paid ($)
	F	10,641	$407,295	12,574	$489,983	17,139	$723,728	23,734	$911,441
Total	M	5,503	195,609	8,909	350,819	16,796	722,949	25,262	1,013,684
	F	482	36,754	611	49,069	907	77,941	1,080	97,608
Consultations	M	262	20,652	496	41,735	1,026	89,453	1,341	120,882
	F	615	29,798	704	34,470	925	49,256	1,153	67,296
Major Assessment	M	239	12,025	449	22,853	826	44,969	1,344	75,908
	F	4,880	124,844	5,190	130,953	7,064	178,211	9,733	233,801
Other Assessment	M	2,422	63,001	3,639	93,555	6,373	162,306	9,073	224,293
	F	154	3,143	328	6,624	1,186	23,484	4,160	78,424
Hospital Care Days	M	112	2,294	345	7,056	1,429	28,733	4,184	80,465
	F	108	11,202	76	7,481	137	12,156	532	43,727
Special Calls	M	57	6,138	67	6,685	156	14,075	457	39,367
Psychotherapy/	F	1,407	34,499	1,670	41,446	969	25,319	1,033	27,593
Counselling	M	756	18,783	929	23,370	730	19,219	1,014	26,747
	F	318	38,303	512	64,959	927	132,600	1,040	156,098
Major Surgery	M	240	29,765	471	65,415	1,168	166,825	1,367	203,963
	F	73	3,955	82	4,257	90	4,663	108	4,769
Minor Surgery	M	101	6,251	96	5,475	118	6,331	136	7,260
	F	243	12,279	27	1,151	40	1,972	34	1,850
Anaesthesiology	M	10	433	19	946	47	2,393	45	2,348
	F	219	35,695	1	123	--	12	--	13
Obstetrical Services	M								
Therapeutic	F	607	39,474	1,042	64,752	1,253	75,996	1,046	61,046
Services, Radiology	M	276	11,441	446	21,946	768	43,629	854	50,038
	F	23	4,491	173	31,816	256	48,047	170	32,200
Laboratory Services	M	10	2,174	30	7,113	70	16,427	69	15,761
Other Diagnostic &	F	1,250	27,351	1,827	46,954	2,938	88,645	3,105	98,439
Therapeutic Services	M	832	18,115	1,683	49,669	3,694	123,500	4,822	158,974
	F	89	710	151	895	312	1,719	342	1,856
Special Services	M	29	159	85	480	259	1,412	355	1,920
Miscellaneous	F	175	4,798	180	5,032	135	3,708	197	5,711
Services	M	159	4,380	154	4,522	132	3,678	200	5,759

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.14
Percentage Changes in the Schedule of
Medical Benefits by Specialty, July 15, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Specialty \ Effective Date	July 15 1998	Apr. 1 1999	Apr. 1 2000	Apr. 1 2001	Nov. 1 2001
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
All Physicians	3.00	2.00	3.00	6.3	3.4
General Practice	3.00	3.00	2.24	8.1	3.1
Anaesthesiology	3.00	1.90	1.38	4.4	4.0
Dermatology	3.00	0.00	1.64	5.3	2.4
General Surgery	3.00	1.20	5.22	4.6	3.4
Urology	3.00	0.90	4.26	4.7	3.2
Internal Medicine	3.00	1.10	1.66	5.1	3.6
Neurology	3.00	0.80	2.28	4.7	5.3
Neurosurgery	3.00	0.60	3.44	4.5	3.1
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	3.00	2.80	3.57	5.3	3.5
Ophthalmology	3.00	0.10	3.35	6.2	2.3
Otolaryngology	3.00	0.20	4.17	4.9	2.8
Orthopaedic Surgery	3.00	0.80	8.37	5.0	3.7
Paediatrics	3.00	3.00	2.93	6.8	4.8
Psychiatry	3.00	2.10	1.83	4.4	5.7
Plastic Surgery	3.00	0.50	9.14	4.8	4.1
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	3.00	4.40	3.22	4.9	4.9
Thoracic Surgery	3.00	0.30	3.36	4.4	2.5
Allergy	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a	n.a.
Emergency Medicine	3.00	1.90	2.09	4.5	4.4
Laboratory/Pathology	3.00	N/A	N/A	4.4	3.5
Laboratory/Radiology	3.00	N/A	0.53	4.4	2.5

Basic Health Services
Percentage Changes in the Schedules of Benefits, July 15, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Type of Practitioner / Effective Date	Medical	Oral Surgery	Chiropractic	Optometry	Podiatry
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
July 15, 1998	3.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
April 1, 1999	2.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
April 1, 2000	3.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
January 15, 2001	Nil	Nil	Nil	3.03	Nil
April 1, 2001	6.30	Nil	Nil	1.9	Nil
August 1, 2001	Nil	8.08	Nil	Nil	Nil
November 1, 2001	3.40	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.16
Out-of-Country Basic Health Services
Distribution of Payments, Number of Services and Discrete Patients
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Practitioner Type	Total Out-of-Country			United States			Out-of-Country (except United States)		
	Number of Services	Discrete Patients	Payments	Number of Services	Discrete Patients	Payments	Number of Services	Discrete Patients	Payments
Total	23,866	8,641	$1,060,187	14,792	5,139	$721,516	9,074	3,537	$338,671
Physicians[1]	22,928	8,418	1,043,997	13,937	4,935	706,421	8,991	3,517	337,576
Oral Surgery	9	2	2,860	9	2	2,860			
Chiropractic	825	239	10,566	745	210	9,553	80	29	1,013
Optometry	18	15	553	17	14	509	1	1	43
Podiatry	86	43	2,211	84	41	2,173	2	2	38

(1) Does not include physician services which were paid under the Out-of-Country Health Services Program or Emergency Financial Assistance Program.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.17
Out-of-Country Health Services Program[1]
Applications Reviewed
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2002

Type of Service	Status of Applications											
	Received				Approved				Refused			
	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Required services not available in Alberta	97	119	192	132	65	85	107	50	32	34	85	82

(1) Out-of-Country Health Services Program replaces the Out-of-Province Supplementary Assistance Program as of April 1996.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 2.18
Out-of-Country Health Services Program [1]
Payments Made for Approved Applications
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2002

Type of Service	Amount Paid											
	Total				Medical Services				Hospital Services			
	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Required services not available in Alberta	$3,774,726	$3,078,863	$3,229,383	$2,642,037	$860,042	$1,047,470	$1,404,426	$888,746	$2,914,684	$2,031,393	$1,824,957	$1,753,291

(1) Out-of-Country Health Services Program replaces the Out-of-Province Supplementary Assistance Program as of April 1996.

Section 3: Regional Data

Summary

Seventeen regional health authorities were established by the Alberta government in 1994. The statistics in this section provide regional breakdowns for the registered population, physician payments, payments by disease classification, and average physician payments.

A breakdown of expenditures for allied practitioners and extended health benefits is also provided.

Explanatory Notes

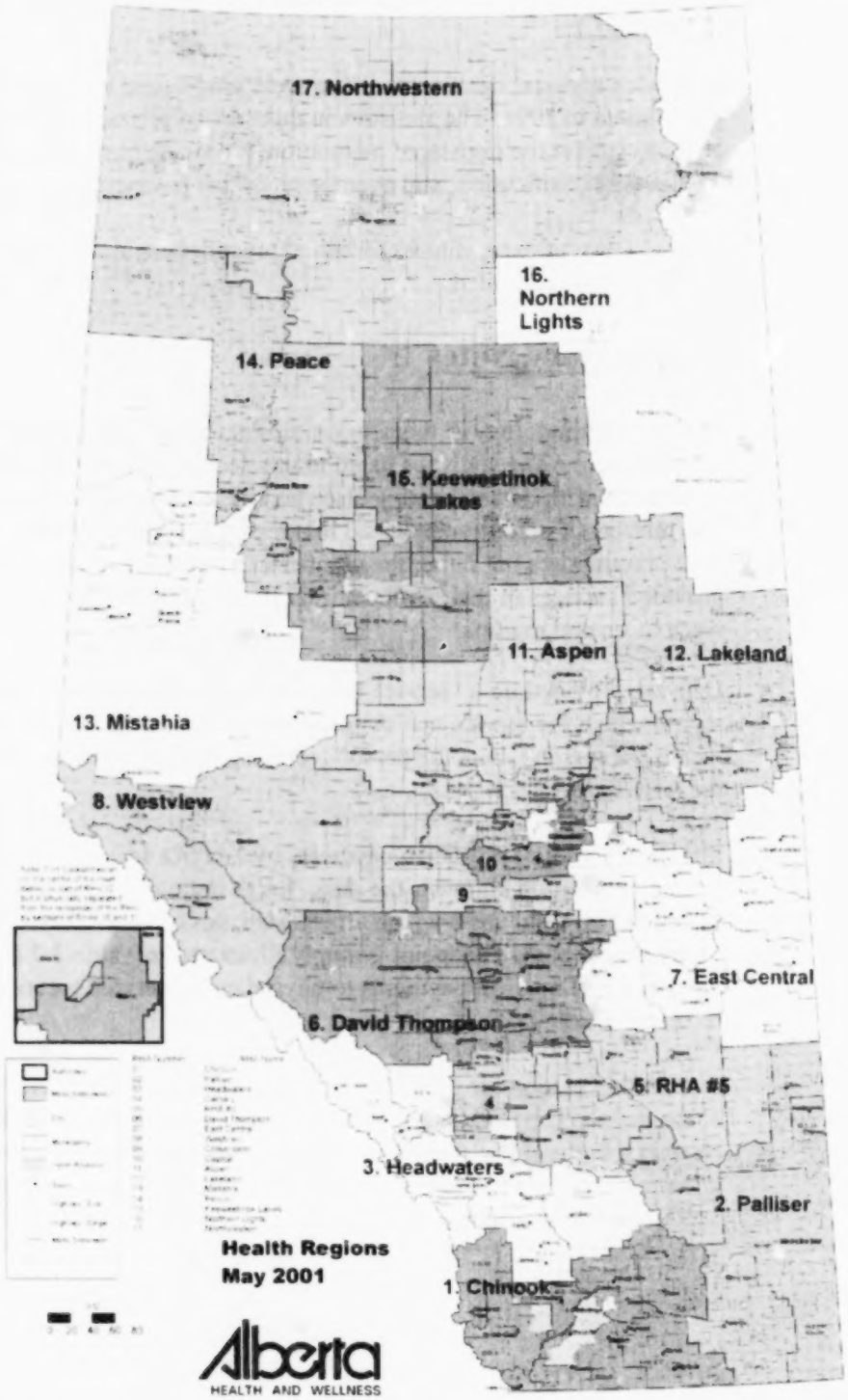
The data methodology in this section differs slightly from that used in other sections. The statistics listed in this section may not exactly correspond with data appearing elsewhere in the *Statistical Supplement*. The number of practitioners listed in a region is not the number of full-time practitioners but rather the number of practitioners who have provided services in that particular region. An individual practitioner may work in several regions.

Data are provided on a "service location" basis, which means the health region where the service was actually provided. "Recipient location" means the region where the person receiving the service *lives*, according to the AHCIP registration data.

The distribution of physician payments by "service location" rather than "recipient location" impacts the data. Large regions often attract patients from smaller, rural areas which affects statistics on health services and payments for both. This point is amply illustrated in Table 3.2 in its breakdown of medical payments to physicians by service location and recipient location.

Data in this section are based on the health region and recipient location as of the day the service was provided. Regional boundaries are subject to change, therefore, year-over-year comparisons by region need to be interpreted with caution. Figure 7 shows the boundaries in place on April 1, 2001, noted on the map of Alberta.

Figure 7
Map of Regional Boundaries 2001-2002



Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.1
Distribution of Population Covered by Service Location Health Region
As of March 31, 2002 (1)

Service Location Health Region	Registered Population		
	Total	Male	Female
Total	3,072,384	1,534,786	1,537,598
01 Chinook	151,500	74,931	76,569
02 Palliser	96,235	48,437	47,798
03 Headwaters	79,216	39,900	39,316
04 Calgary	987,266	492,381	494,885
05 Health Region 5	56,512	28,395	28,117
06 David Thompson	193,378	96,721	96,657
07 East Central	102,979	50,991	51,988
08 WestView	95,099	48,292	46,807
09 Crossroads	48,851	24,585	24,266
10 Capital	856,214	423,957	432,257
11 Aspen	95,759	48,721	47,038
12 Lakeland	99,216	49,559	49,657
13 Mistahia	91,941	47,001	44,940
14 Peace	24,888	12,696	12,192
15 Keeweetinok Lakes	26,916	13,721	13,195
16 Northern Lights	45,428	23,701	21,727
17 Northwestern	20,771	10,677	10,094
00 Unknown	215	120	95

(1) The population figures are as of March 31, 2002, calculated in July 2002.

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Service Location Health Region	Recipient Health Region						
	All Health Regions	Chinook	Palliser	Headwaters	Calgary	Region 5	David Thompson
Total	$1,061,169,693	$53,644,719	$34,919,479	$25,614,001	$339,670,067	$18,371,741	$61,984,927
Chinook	50,386,852	**46,282,000**	965,986	1,349,416	781,562	100,027	162,509
Palliser	29,835,096	309,768	**28,303,400**	65,506	392,420	232,988	94,395
Headwaters	15,665,093	261,426	71,293	**12,352,035**	2,097,644	125,183	155,358
Calgary	372,498,160	5,767,150	4,739,289	11,116,865	**329,967,610**	8,485,532	6,594,936
Region 5	8,722,582	38,079	73,674	60,333	639,251	**7,314,257**	352,076
David Thompson	58,361,688	170,899	117,680	184,786	1,355,642	1,571,275	**49,169,296**
East Central	20,357,078	28,259	59,159	23,385	144,204	73,430	381,680
WestView	17,800,352	21,413	13,528	22,564	109,988	14,055	85,813
Crossroads	11,606,253	20,709	8,935	24,120	91,919	16,849	401,508
Capital	387,976,360	591,613	478,102	275,513	3,313,946	346,153	4,196,371
Aspen	14,158,147	13,725	13,694	9,598	60,464	10,519	62,769
Lakeland	22,988,339	30,425	16,471	11,902	129,001	16,659	75,374
Mistahia	21,000,924	27,970	12,843	12,857	107,210	14,422	87,917
Peace	5,370,948	6,791	4,566	1,294	18,022	4,605	23,575
Keeweetinok Lakes	6,586,431	7,769	4,582	3,304	26,689	5,561	22,410
Northern Lights	10,715,469	18,210	17,978	13,511	128,856	7,574	50,733
Northwestern	3,200,693	5,327	1,284	646	11,893	1,677	12,175
Unknown	3,939,230	43,187	17,013	86,365	293,746	30,976	56,033

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Service Location Health Region	Recipient Health Region							
	East Central	WestView	Crossroads	Capital	Aspen	Lakeland	Mistahia	Peace
Total	$33,410,761	$30,800,266	$17,291,994	$318,802,122	$32,604,046	$33,647,081	$23,606,530	$7,420,411
Chinook	58,392	41,236	30,338	326,619	43,502	44,869	56,658	20,775
Palliser	70,525	31,255	14,644	143,995	30,434	31,828	26,873	4,212
Headwaters	25,291	44,519	18,281	213,541	25,714	26,818	17,044	4,417
Calgary	1,153,332	236,019	217,723	2,385,758	252,529	241,704	307,383	80,437
Region 5	94,470	12,081	7,212	66,037	9,614	15,529	14,945	2,591
David Thompson	2,021,228	343,275	1,404,930	1,351,226	175,209	127,293	146,526	28,950
East Central	**17,825,612**	50,291	316,912	673,151	67,419	560,741	39,010	14,421
WestView	53,485	**13,634,297**	331,425	2,129,162	1,078,844	53,894	154,889	13,397
Crossroads	402,323	664,267	**9,126,292**	637,205	57,205	69,821	28,117	10,036
Capital	8,788,624	15,069,005	5,621,327	**306,559,925**	17,202,845	13,209,978	3,868,023	1,590,073
Aspen	37,440	367,413	35,728	629,406	**12,315,863**	193,593	226,737	25,402
Lakeland	342,556	96,328	82,259	2,306,820	909,989	**18,707,076**	38,185	15,864
Mistahia	32,117	65,456	19,462	306,163	98,425	40,048	**18,303,721**	921,247
Peace	9,597	12,393	3,885	91,201	16,400	10,360	207,661	**4,558,725**
Keeweetinok Lakes	12,188	21,762	12,283	203,315	164,575	29,710	102,024	81,641
Northern Lights	24,572	31,788	9,654	374,408	58,602	101,034	27,394	7,433
Northwestern	4,301	4,760	2,099	56,590	10,682	6,208	24,519	31,855
Unknown	2,454,708	74,119	37,539	347,601	86,196	176,575	16,823	8,934

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Service Location Health Region	Recipient Health Region			
	Keeweetinok Lakes	Northern Lights	Northwestern	Unknown
Total	$9,485,441	$13,225,794	$4,871,325	$1,798,988
Chinook	11,347	26,657	7,432	77,526
Palliser	5,633	13,995	9,322	53,903
Headwaters	7,673	21,375	3,935	193,546
Calgary	72,875	206,464	77,371	595,184
Region 5	4,243	3,347	1,962	12,882
David Thompson	24,621	57,017	28,904	82,929
East Central	7,514	18,696	5,269	67,926
WestView	28,834	21,506	10,589	22,668
Crossroads	13,427	7,701	10,978	14,841
Capital	2,628,232	2,717,991	1,033,813	484,826
Aspen	77,862	37,584	15,727	24,622
Lakeland	42,788	123,550	11,011	32,080
Mistahia	447,623	19,402	453,485	30,557
Peace	249,001	4,763	137,328	10,781
Keeweetinok Lakes	**5,822,624**	15,866	45,693	4,437
Northern Lights	17,741	**9,804,473**	4,701	16,805
Northwestern	17,124	3,621	**3,003,975**	1,958
Unknown	6,279	121,787	9,831	**71,518**

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.3
Distribution of Payments by International Classification of Diseases by Service Location Health Region
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location / Health Region / International Classification of Diseases	All Health Regions	Chinook	Palliser	Head-waters	Calgary	Region 5
Total	$1,061,169,693	$50,386,852	$29,835,096	$15,665,093	$372,498,160	$8,722,582
Infections and Parasitic Diseases	18,535,353	809,637	586,578	404,588	6,073,486	260,486
Neoplasms	34,733,007	1,778,454	870,311	293,287	13,945,900	195,647
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases and Immunity Disorders	27,175,014	1,487,931	1,088,227	355,260	8,261,954	332,402
Diseases of Blood and Blood Forming Organs	4,687,693	212,020	196,908	65,694	1,823,521	67,599
Mental Disorders	107,272,553	5,305,067	2,838,742	1,732,853	35,448,692	584,759
Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	78,609,247	3,611,338	2,320,963	825,589	29,600,219	469,560
Diseases of the Circulatory System	81,214,397	3,266,826	2,066,215	1,050,865	30,170,982	768,132
Diseases of the Respiratory System	81,676,966	3,873,004	2,394,824	1,474,457	26,286,114	1,058,433
Diseases of the Digestive System	43,601,132	2,483,912	1,531,655	647,523	13,161,875	414,541
Diseases of the Genitourinary System	54,929,808	2,898,875	1,677,330	707,708	20,122,811	401,385
Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium	30,103,452	1,407,414	817,057	403,108	12,059,257	210,467
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue	33,033,087	1,477,860	975,758	624,260	11,354,777	369,992
Diseases of the Musculosketal System and Connective Tissue	57,632,929	3,572,157	1,839,915	1,140,894	18,528,518	575,373
Congenital Anomalies	4,348,572	71,525	36,156	9,469	1,728,792	3,238
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period	4,858,997	275,246	183,537	33,728	1,496,795	9,692
Symptoms, Signs and Ill Defined Conditions	102,932,855	4,703,921	2,926,015	1,807,426	35,300,203	1,006,158
Injury and Poisoning	64,132,670	3,299,223	1,616,366	1,733,712	18,942,922	1,016,479
Non-Standard Diagnostic Codes	70,428,020	2,619,254	2,149,184	1,310,947	24,525,984	814,823
Unknown Diagnostic Chapter	161,263,943	7,233,189	3,719,355	1,043,726	63,665,358	163,417

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.3
Distribution of Payments by International Classification of Diseases by Service Location Health Region
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region / International Classification of Diseases	David Thompson	East Central	WestView	Crossroads	Capital	Aspen
Total	$58,361,688	$20,357,078	$17,800,352	$11,606,253	$387,976,360	$14,158,147
Infections and Parasitic Diseases	1,009,582	429,148	436,221	327,384	6,016,413	401,337
Neoplasms	1,693,656	496,710	308,922	144,693	12,950,134	302,011
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases and Immunity Disorders	1,396,596	610,929	572,819	340,088	9,933,221	504,875
Diseases of Blood and Blood Forming Organs	252,657	127,944	72,673	52,958	1,382,416	61,576
Mental Disorders	8,350,225	1,746,844	1,105,312	777,912	42,230,379	997,798
Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	3,404,143	1,198,940	873,723	705,426	29,642,649	883,278
Diseases of the Circulatory System	3,595,373	1,550,212	887,372	782,155	31,423,891	1,169,385
Diseases of the Respiratory System	4,492,864	1,903,134	1,856,269	1,852,190	26,518,059	1,818,767
Diseases of the Digestive System	2,743,069	1,233,420	623,698	635,781	14,820,952	717,112
Diseases of the Genitourinary System	3,309,406	872,634	784,069	632,927	19,078,694	638,385
Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium	1,515,057	544,230	276,271	387,914	8,751,221	361,154
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue	1,858,569	811,155	621,756	505,696	11,143,966	586,337
Diseases of the Musculosketal System and Connective Tissue	3,261,831	1,654,642	873,808	697,433	19,453,284	1,010,471
Congenital Anomalies	61,717	13,514	8,123	8,099	2,292,264	8,277
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period	321,565	21,469	13,148	24,671	1,937,417	30,548
Symptoms, Signs and Ill Defined Conditions	6,446,848	2,444,131	2,417,395	1,491,215	34,747,106	1,550,990
Injury and Poisoning	4,010,813	1,585,836	1,635,704	1,185,266	21,336,289	1,362,558
Non-Standard Diagnostic Codes	3,880,932	1,843,647	1,442,020	757,251	23,447,200	1,335,999
Unknown Diagnostic Chapter	6,756,785	1,268,540	2,991,050	297,196	70,870,802	417,288

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.3
Distribution of Payments by International Classification of Diseases by Service Location Health Region
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region / International Classification of Diseases	Lakeland	Mistahia	Peace	Keeweetinok Lakes	Northern Lights	North-western	Unknown
Total	$22,988,339	$21,000,924	$5,370,948	$6,586,431	$10,715,469	$3,200,693	$3,939,230
Infections and Parasitic Diseases	551,581	485,026	147,351	180,057	243,089	87,344	86,043
Neoplasms	503,032	679,850	71,771	61,548	196,260	30,606	210,215
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases and Immunity Disorders	798,959	533,924	144,559	202,320	390,243	86,290	134,418
Diseases of Blood and Blood Forming Organs	125,587	100,187	29,588	31,593	49,027	15,804	19,940
Mental Disorders	1,493,585	1,908,568	255,703	450,764	1,166,169	194,229	684,952
Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	1,863,700	1,777,780	285,309	338,042	356,972	198,500	253,118
Diseases of the Circulatory System	1,797,928	1,105,523	332,312	309,181	552,947	128,275	256,823
Diseases of the Respiratory System	2,600,018	1,776,705	665,572	1,285,076	1,021,611	462,953	336,915
Diseases of the Digestive System	1,540,153	1,202,738	241,540	391,256	730,787	184,065	297,058
Diseases of the Genitourinary System	1,134,623	1,147,036	210,375	374,624	561,032	198,178	179,717
Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium	663,996	818,564	320,818	238,243	763,195	364,640	200,846
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue	972,528	627,528	183,104	324,305	374,307	118,221	102,968
Diseases of the Musculosketal System and Connective Tissue	1,593,914	1,707,431	321,370	556,548	505,773	183,649	155,918
Congenital Anomalies	14,802	48,920	4,546	4,769	16,585	4,213	13,564
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period	40,284	306,998	11,641	19,255	83,440	32,234	17,330
Symptoms, Signs and Ill Defined Conditions	2,525,793	2,002,826	947,598	532,117	1,489,343	272,969	320,801
Injury and Poisoning	1,973,395	1,869,998	510,756	755,931	679,882	291,233	326,308
Non-Standard Diagnostic Codes	1,859,625	1,821,556	501,107	520,974	1,031,044	339,716	226,757
Unknown Diagnostic Chapter	934,838	1,079,767	185,928	9,829	503,763	7,574	115,537

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.4
Distribution of Physicians With Total Payments of $10,000 and Over and Average Payments by Service Location Health Region
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region	Total			General/Family Physicians			Specialists [2]		
	Number of Physicians[1]	Amount Paid[3]	Average Payments	Number of Physicians[1]	Amount Paid[3]	Average Payments	Number of Physicians[1]	Amount Paid[3]	Average Payments
Total	5,070	$952,219,491	$187,814	2,883	$471,768,685	$163,638	2,187	$480,450,806	$219,685
By Health Region									
Chinook	205	45,798,072	223,405	132	24,631,001	186,598	73	21,167,072	289,960
Palliser	114	27,347,497	239,890	66	15,721,362	238,202	48	11,626,136	242,211
Headwaters	124	15,272,633	123,166	94	12,450,443	132,452	30	2,822,190	94,073
Calgary	1,747	331,320,987	189,651	872	137,175,359	157,311	875	194,145,628	221,881
Region 5	70	8,512,999	121,614	64	7,948,623	124,197	6	564,376	94,063
David Thompson	272	54,575,580	200,646	180	34,682,258	192,679	92	19,893,321	216,232
East Central	111	19,012,030	171,280	89	16,401,533	184,287	22	2,610,496	118,659
WestView	114	14,853,815	130,297	97	13,750,388	141,757	17	1,103,427	64,907
Crossroads	57	11,448,867	200,857	40	9,715,860	242,897	17	1,733,007	101,942
Capital	1,700	338,142,399	198,907	820	128,656,639	156,898	880	209,485,760	238,052
Aspen	104	13,798,998	132,683	90	13,199,510	146,661	14	599,488	42,821
Lakeland	145	22,592,511	155,810	115	19,562,555	170,109	30	3,029,957	100,999
Mistahia	110	20,556,533	186,878	77	13,789,452	179,084	33	6,767,081	205,063
Peace	28	5,211,348	186,120	27	5,191,015	192,260	1	20,332	20,332
Keeweetinok Lakes	26	6,531,712	251,220	24	6,498,770	270,782	2	32,942	16,471
Northern Lights	52	10,605,183	203,946	36	6,995,792	194,328	16	3,609,392	225,587
Northwestern	26	3,156,888	121,419	23	3,066,135	133,310	3	90,753	30,251
Unknown	65	3,481,439	53,561	37	2,331,990	63,027	28	1,149,449	41,052

(1) Physicians providing services in multiple health regions are counted multiple times. This report reflects discrete physician counts within region.

(2) Excludes laboratory specialists because billings for more than one physician may be included under one physician billing number.

(3) The totals for payments may not add due to rounding.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.5
Number of General Family Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region[1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location / Health Region / Dollar Range	All Health Regions	Chinook	Palliser	Head-waters	Calgary	Region 5	David Thompson	East Central	WestView	Cross-roads	Capital	Aspen
Total	4,545	192	114	173	1092	137	256	193	172	82	1109	191
Less than $10,000	1,662	60	48	79	220	73	76	104	75	42	289	101
10,000- 19,999	174	4	4	4	43	12	3	12	9	1	31	14
20,000- 39,999	235	8	4	11	65	7	9	8	10	3	66	8
40,000- 59,999	171	6		10	51	6	6	2	6	1	46	9
60,000- 79,999	183	6		10	62	4	8	6	7	1	59	5
80,000- 99,999	173	6	3	11	64	4	6	1	3		55	2
100,000-119,999	186	7	3	6	64	3	12	5	6	1	65	3
120,000-139,999	177	8	3	4	60	3	6	1	5	3	65	6
140,000-159,999	190	8	3	2	64	3	10	3	13		69	
160,000-179,999	207	13	2	3	76	1	19	3	5	2	63	6
180,000-199,999	198	6	3	3	75	4	15	5	7	2	68	5
200,000-299,999	662	45	15	26	167	13	65	22	21	11	163	22
300,000-399,999	261	11	20	4	61	4	17	20	5	13	54	10
400,000-499,999	48	4	5		13		3	1		1	11	
500,000-599,999	13		1		5					1	4	
600,000-699,999	3				2		1					
700,000-799,999	2										1	
800,000-899,999												
900,000-999,999												
1,000,000 and over												

(1) Physicians providing services in multiple health regions are counted multiple times. This report reflects discrete physician counts within region, where the physician payment was greater than 0 within health region.

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.5
Number of General Family Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location / Health Region / Dollar Range	Lakeland	Mistahia	Peace	Keeweetinok Lakes	Northern Lights	Northwestern	Unknown
Total	204	129	53	34	45	35	334
Less than $10,000	89	52	26	11	8	12	297
10,000- 19,999	15	8	3	1	2	3	5
20,000- 39,999	13	8	2		1	2	10
40,000- 59,999	10	4		1	2	4	7
60,000- 79,999	1	3	1		1	3	6
80,000- 99,999	5	2	1	1	4	1	4
100,000-119,999	4	3	1		1		2
120,000-139,999	4	4	1	2	2		
140,000-159,999	3	6	2	1	2		1
160,000-179,999	8	3	1	1			1
180,000-199,999	2	2				1	
200,000-299,999	33	19	10	6	17	7	
300,000-399,999	11	12	4	8	4	2	1
400,000-499,999	5	2	1	2			
500,000-599,999	1	1					
600,000-699,999							
700,000-799,999					1		
800,000-899,999							
900,000-999,999							
1,000,000 and over							

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.6
Number of Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location / Health Region / Dollar Range	All Physicians[2] (excluding all laboratory specialists)				All Physicians (excluding GP/FPs and all laboratory specialists)			
	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions
Total	7,177	2,061	2,034	3,082	2,632	952	942	738
Less than $10,000	2,120	361	287	1,472	458	72	67	319
10,000- 19,999	298	62	69	167	124	31	26	67
20,000- 39,999	368	108	101	159	133	42	36	55
40,000- 59,999	305	98	104	103	134	52	53	29
60,000- 79,999	317	115	126	76	134	56	64	14
80,000- 99,999	294	104	124	66	121	49	60	12
100,000-119,999	297	110	114	73	111	45	50	16
120,000-139,999	286	100	116	70	109	35	56	18
140,000-159,999	299	105	124	70	109	36	60	13
160,000-179,999	304	110	113	81	97	47	37	13
180,000-199,999	290	113	111	66	92	45	36	11
200,000-299,999	1,116	351	360	405	454	188	193	73
300,000-399,999	539	189	155	195	278	135	94	49
400,000-499,999	168	59	57	52	120	48	44	28
500,000-599,999	65	25	29	11	52	21	24	7
600,000-699,999	62	27	22	13	59	27	20	12
700,000-799,999	19	7	10	2	17	6	10	1
800,000-899,999	11	7	3	1	11	7	3	1
900,000-999,999	3	2	1		3	2	1	
1,000,000 and Over	16	8	8		16	8	8	

(1) Physicians may practice in multiple locations and may be counted in more than one region, where the payment is greater than 0.
(2) Excludes laboratory specialists because billings for more than one physician may be included under one physician billing number.
(3) Includes only those physicians with a payment greater than 0 within health region.
(4) A blank cell represents a zero value.

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.6
Number of Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region / Dollar Range	Anaesthesiology				Cardiovacular and Thoracic Surgery			
	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions
Total	275	104	119	52	23	12	10	1
Less than $10,000	27	2	5	20	2		1	1
10,000- 19,999	4	1	2	1				
20,000- 39,999	10	4	4	2	1	1		
40,000- 59,999	4	1	1	2				
60,000- 79,999	10	3	5	2	1	1		
80,000- 99,999	13	4	8	1				
100,000-119,999	10	5	4	1	1	1		
120,000-139,999	10	2	8					
140,000-159,999	13	3	9	1	1		1	
160,000-179,999	16	12	3	1				
180,000-199,999	10	3	4	3				
200,000-299,999	114	47	51	16				
300,000-399,999	26	11	13	2	2	2		
400,000-499,999	6	4	2		1	1		
500,000-599,999	1	1			6	2	4	
600,000-699,999	1	1			1		1	
700,000-799,999					5	2	3	
800,000-899,999								
900,000-999,999								
1,000,000 and Over					2	2		

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.6
Number of Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region / Dollar Range	Dermatology				Emergency Medicine			
	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions
Total	45	15	18	12	68	20	38	10
Less than $10,000	5	1		4	9		3	6
10,000- 19,999	2			2	2	1		1
20,000- 39,999	3			3	1	1		
40,000- 59,999	1		1		4		3	1
60,000- 79,999	1	1			2		2	
80,000- 99,999					6	2	4	
100,000-119,999	2	1		1	7	3	4	
120,000-139,999					8	1	7	
140,000-159,999	1		1		5		3	2
160,000-179,999	1	1			2	1	1	
180,000-199,999	2	1	1		6	5	1	
200,000-299,999	6	2	4		15	6	9	
300,000-399,999	6	4	1	1	1		1	
400,000-499,999	4	1	3					
500,000-599,999	2		2					
600,000-699,999	6	1	4	1				
700,000-799,999								
800,000-899,999	2	1	1					
900,000-999,999								
1,000,000 and Over	1	1						

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.6
Number of Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region / Dollar Range	All General/Family Physicians (GP/FPs)				General Surgery			
	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions
Total	4,545	1,109	1,092	2,344	188	47	60	81
Less than $10,000	1,662	289	220	1,153	32	2	5	25
10,000- 19,999	174	31	43	100	15	4	3	8
20,000- 39,999	235	66	65	104	8	1	3	4
40,000- 59,999	171	46	51	74	10	3	2	5
60,000- 79,999	183	59	62	62	7	3	2	2
80,000- 99,999	173	55	64	54	3		2	1
100,000-119,999	186	65	64	57	2		1	1
120,000-139,999	177	65	60	52	5	2	2	1
140,000-159,999	190	69	64	57	8	1	4	3
160,000-179,999	207	63	76	68	1	1		
180,000-199,999	198	68	75	55	2		2	
200,000-299,999	662	163	167	332	22	3	10	9
300,000-399,999	261	54	61	146	48	21	17	10
400,000-499,999	48	11	13	24	16	3	4	9
500,000-599,999	13	4	5	4	6	2	3	1
600,000-699,999	3		2	1	2			2
700,000-799,999	2	1		1	1	1		
800,000-899,999								
900,000-999,999								
1,000,000 and Over								

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.6
Number of Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location / Health Region / Dollar Range	Internal Medicine				Neurology			
	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions
Total	643	258	225	160	77	27	37	13
Less than $10,000	122	26	12	84	13	3	4	6
10,000- 19,999	26	7	7	12	5	1		4
20,000- 39,999	39	17	11	11	3		3	
40,000- 59,999	46	24	17	5	10	3	7	
60,000- 79,999	37	18	17	2	9	2	7	
80,000- 99,999	42	18	20	4	4	1	3	
100,000-119,999	30	10	17	3	4	2	2	
120,000-139,999	38	13	19	6	3	2		1
140,000-159,999	21	13	8		3		3	
160,000-179,999	18	8	4	6	6	2	4	
180,000-199,999	23	13	9	1	3		3	
200,000-299,999	75	28	38	9	9	6	1	2
300,000-399,999	45	28	13	4	3	3		
400,000-499,999	34	14	12	8	1	1		
500,000-599,999	15	5	8	2				
600,000-699,999	20	12	6	2	1	1		
700,000-799,999	4	1	2	1				
800,000-899,999	2	2						
900,000-999,999	1	1						
1,000,000 and Over	5		5					

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.6
Number of Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region / Dollar Range	Neurosurgery				Obstetrics-Gynaecology			
	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions
Total	22	12	9	1	153	55	50	48
Less than $10,000	1			1	19	2		17
10,000- 19,999					8	2		6
20,000- 39,999	1	1			7	3	1	3
40,000- 59,999					2		2	
60,000- 79,999	1	1			9	5		4
80,000- 99,999	1	1			3	3		
100,000-119,999					7	2	4	1
120,000-139,999					5	1	2	2
140,000-159,999	2	1	1		3		3	
160,000-179,999	2	2			7	2	5	
180,000-199,999	2		2		4	2	2	
200,000-299,999	6	4	2		26	8	12	6
300,000-399,999	6	2	4		20	9	7	4
400,000-499,999					14	6	6	2
500,000-599,999					6	4	2	
600,000-699,999					9	4	3	2
700,000-799,999								
800,000-899,999					3	1	1	1
900,000-999,999					1	1		
1,000,000 and Over								

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.6
Number of Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region / Dollar Range	Ophthalmology				Orthopaedic Surgery			
	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions
Total	103	36	37	30	130	42	49	39
Less than $10,000	9		1	8	24	6	6	12
10,000- 19,999	1	1			3		1	2
20,000- 39,999	4	1	1	2	4		1	3
40,000- 59,999	1			1	3	1	1	1
60,000- 79,999	1		1		4	1	2	1
80,000- 99,999	3	1	1	1	4		3	1
100,000-119,999	3	1		2	2	1		1
120,000-139,999	2	1		1	3		3	
140,000-159,999	4	1	3		3	1	2	
160,000-179,999	3	2		1	3	1	2	
180,000-199,999	1			1	5	2	2	1
200,000-299,999	12	6	4	2	23	6	12	5
300,000-399,999	12	6	4	2	37	16	12	9
400,000-499,999	14	4	8	2	12	7	2	3
500,000-599,999	7		4	3				
600,000-699,999	10	3	3	4				
700,000-799,999	4	2	2					
800,000-899,999	3	2	1					
900,000-999,999	1		1					
1,000,000 and Over	8	5	3					

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.6
Number of Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region / Dollar Range	Otolaryngology				Paediatrics			
	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions
Total	43	16	14	13	302	108	106	88
Less than $10,000	4	1		3	85	12	17	56
10,000- 19,999	2		1	1	19	10	3	6
20,000- 39,999	4	2		2	20	7	8	5
40,000- 59,999	2	1		1	20	10	8	2
60,000- 79,999					23	12	10	1
80,000- 99,999	1			1	18	8	9	1
100,000-119,999					13	4	9	
120,000-139,999					14	5	8	1
140,000-159,999					11	4	6	1
160,000-179,999	1	1			10	3	7	
180,000-199,999	1		1		8	2	2	4
200,000-299,999	4	1	1	2	40	19	16	5
300,000-399,999	7	3	2	2	15	8	2	5
400,000-499,999	5	1	3	1	2	1	1	
500,000-599,999	3	3			3	2		1
600,000-699,999	5	2	3		1	1		
700,000-799,999	3		3					
800,000-899,999	1	1						
900,000-999,999								
1,000,000 and Over								

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.6
Number of Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region / Dollar Range	Physical Medicine and Rehabilaitation				Plastic Surgery			
	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions
Total	29	16	8	5	49	15	21	13
Less than $10,000	6	1	1	4	12	5	2	5
10,000- 19,999	1		1		1			1
20,000- 39,999	2	2			1		1	
40,000- 59,999	2	1	1					
60,000- 79,999	4	2	2					
80,000- 99,999	4	3	1		2		2	
100,000-119,999	2	1	1		2		2	
120,000-139,999	2	2			1			1
140,000-159,999	2	2						
160,000-179,999					3		2	1
180,000-199,999	2	2						
200,000-299,999	2		1	1	8	1	4	3
300,000-399,999					11	3	7	1
400,000-499,999					4	2	1	1
500,000-599,999					2	2		
600,000-699,999					2	2		
700,000-799,999								
800,000-899,999								
900,000-999,999								
1,000,000 and Over								

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Statistical Supplement Table 3.6
Number of Physicians by Payment Range and Service Location and Health Region [1]
for the Services Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location / Health Region / Dollar Range	Psychiatry				Urology			
	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions	All Health Regions	Capital	Calgary	All Other Regions
Total	432	150	127	155	50	19	14	17
Less than $10,000	82	10	9	63	6	1	1	4
10,000- 19,999	33	4	6	23	2		2	
20,000- 39,999	20	2	3	15	5			5
40,000- 59,999	27	7	10	10	2	1		1
60,000- 79,999	25	7	16	2				
80,000- 99,999	17	8	7	2				
100,000-119,999	25	14	6	5	1			1
120,000-139,999	17	5	7	5	1	1		
140,000-159,999	32	10	16	6				
160,000-179,999	21	9	8	4	3	2	1	
180,000-199,999	23	15	7	1				
200,000-299,999	84	45	28	11	8	6		2
300,000-399,999	22	12	4	6	17	7	7	3
400,000-499,999	3	2		1	4	1	2	1
500,000-599,999					1		1	
600,000-699,999	1			1				
700,000-799,999								
800,000-899,999								
900,000-999,999								
1,000,000 and Over								

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.7
Allied Health Services
Distribution of Services and Payments by Service Location Health Region[1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region	Total		Chiropractic		Optometric	
	Services	Payments	Services	Payments	Services	Payments
Total	3,731,537	$61,885,776	3,043,585	$38,535,026	398,550	$14,651,707
Chinook	259,991	4,205,086	211,319	2,673,455	26,213	963,560
Palliser	112,893	1,816,389	90,848	1,152,202	13,532	493,586
Headwaters	74,482	1,143,727	64,561	815,342	7,723	281,412
Calgary	1,330,999	21,522,391	1,107,049	13,976,403	108,366	3,981,735
Health Region 5	63,119	986,712	54,490	688,203	7,187	266,914
David Thompson	340,899	5,300,815	296,392	3,803,379	30,482	1,132,402
East Central	128,348	2,064,866	108,987	1,384,158	17,057	631,122
WestView	115,595	1,772,477	102,806	1,303,847	11,790	442,612
Crossroads	51,335	813,424	43,665	552,162	4,737	178,457
Capital	911,079	16,492,703	690,095	8,725,958	119,426	4,364,937
Aspen	68,890	1,139,077	57,442	728,456	10,632	389,322
Lakeland	111,846	1,910,146	90,024	1,139,035	20,084	725,561
Mistahia	69,052	1,216,304	54,782	691,383	12,861	484,674
Peace	11,201	196,538	9,145	118,719	2,048	77,170
Keeweetinok Lakes	14,983	242,283	12,844	162,246	2,057	77,614
Northern Lights	33,748	533,467	28,844	364,797	3,764	138,499
Northwestern	20,735	275,562	20,144	253,430	591	22,133
Unknown	12,342	253,809	148	1,853		

(1) The totals for payments may not add due to rounding.

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.7
Allied Health Services
Distribution of Services and Payments by Service Location Health Region[1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region	Oral Surgery		Podiatry	
	Services	Payments	Services	Payments
Total	14,585	$2,167,898	274,817	$6,531,145
Chinook	269	29,803	22,190	538,269
Palliser	50	5,709	8,463	164,892
Headwaters	3	262	2,195	46,711
Calgary	6,948	947,949	108,636	2,616,303
Health Region 5	23	2,055	1,419	29,540
David Thompson	491	45,069	13,534	319,965
East Central	9	851	2,295	48,735
WestView	12	1,148	987	24,871
Crossroads	192	21,690	2,741	61,114
Capital	6,518	1,106,883	95,040	2,294,926
Aspen	7	430	809	20,870
Lakeland	47	4,461	1,691	41,090
Mistahia	5	470	1,404	39,777
Peace	7	630	1	19
Keeweetinok Lakes	3	324	79	2,099
Northern Lights	1	163	1,139	30,008
Northwestern				
Unknown			12,194	251,956

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.8
Extended Health Benefits
Distribution of Services and Payments by Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region	Total		Dentists		Denturists	
	Services	Payments	Services	Payments	Services	Payments
Total	720,762	$23,310,714	542,433	$11,971,895	96,727	$6,449,652
Chinook	38,951	1,314,029	28,472	662,103	4,619	305,965
Palliser	17,777	642,214	11,700	267,561	2,906	199,463
Headwaters	13,572	396,726	10,336	212,662	2,121	127,356
Calgary	230,595	7,297,032	178,765	4,029,287	28,766	1,846,058
Health Region 5	10,996	343,664	8,255	170,273	1,662	112,285
David Thompson	41,095	1,452,554	27,295	564,814	7,321	515,667
East Central	26,033	928,017	17,258	369,835	5,616	376,867
WestView	14,274	475,510	9,988	212,877	2,468	158,962
Crossroads	8,684	316,243	5,522	116,951	2,258	146,972
Capital	262,203	8,244,023	203,992	4,496,177	29,813	1,997,744
Aspen	12,627	421,954	8,924	182,107	2,006	146,958
Lakeland	25,808	842,461	19,202	413,298	3,948	273,470
Mistahia	11,377	380,497	7,907	162,578	1,974	138,308
Peace	3,519	142,196	2,360	48,780	946	81,970
Keeweetinok Lakes	1,555	49,744	1,250	31,764		
Northern Lights	1,339	52,504	880	21,513	303	21,608
Northwestern	342	10,319	325	9,282		
Unknown	15	1,025	2	33		

(1) The totals for payments may not add due to rounding.

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 3.8
Extended Health Benefits
Distribution of Services and Payments by Service Location Health Region [1]
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Service Location Health Region	Opticians		Optometrists	
	Services	Payments	Services	Payments
Total	42,568	$2,763,595	39,034	$2,125,572
Chinook	2,627	176,865	3,233	169,097
Palliser	1,821	104,222	1,350	70,968
Headwaters	1	77.5	1,114	56,631
Calgary	14,765	939,311	8,299	482,377
Health Region 5	132	7,912	947	53,195
David Thompson	2,665	164,256	3,814	207,817
East Central	774	44,600	2,385	136,716
WestView	475	28,625	1,343	75,047
Crossroads	153	12,170	751	40,151
Capital	18,219	1,220,988	10,179	529,115
Aspen	224	18,776	1,473	74,113
Lakeland	463	30,289	2,195	125,405
Mistahia	201	11,662	1,295	67,950
Peace			213	11,446
Keeweetinok Lakes	35	2,853	270	15,127
Northern Lights			156	9,383
Northwestern			17	1,038
Unknown	13	992		

Section 4: Extended Health Benefits

Summary

The extended health benefits (EHB) program provides limited optical and dental benefits for seniors aged 65 and older, their spouses and dependants, and for widows and widowers aged 55 to 64 years receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants. The program helps pay for new lenses or eyeglasses every three years, and for some dental services (including oral exams and cleaning) and dentures. Denture benefits have three and five year maximums depending on the type of service.

This section contains data on the number of registered persons and the payments made to practitioners (namely dentists, denturists, optometrists and opticians) under the EHB Program, the distribution of services and payments per patient by practitioner type, and changes in the schedules of benefits.

Registrations

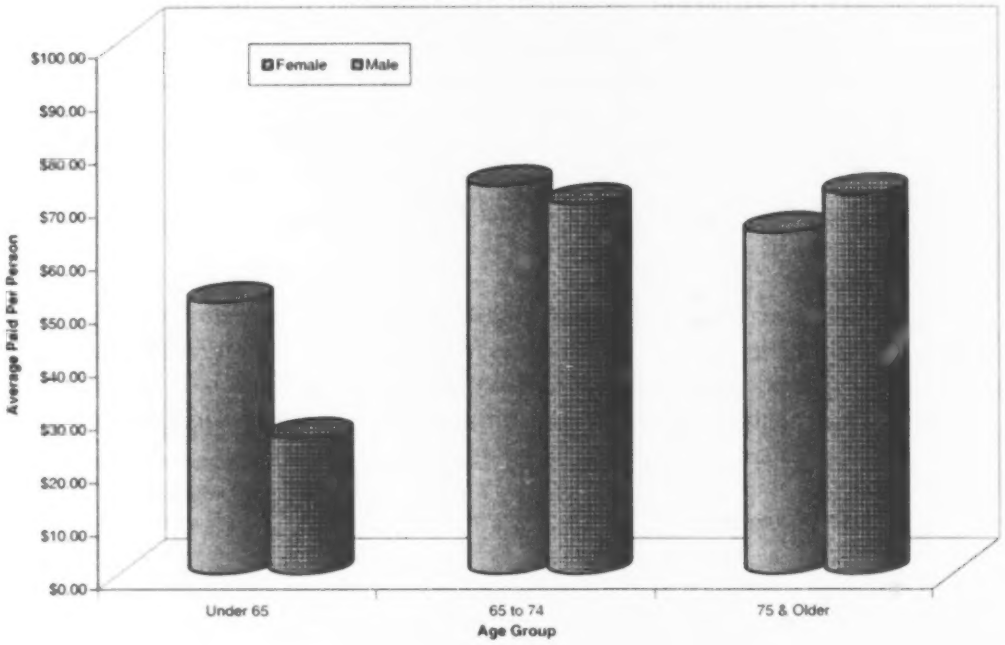
The total number of Albertans covered under the EHB Program increased by 2.4 per cent to 349,887 in 2001/2002. The EHB Program is available at no cost for eligible persons.

This year, the number of discrete patients who received services under the EHB Program increased by 9.1 per cent, to 173,931 people in 2001/2002. Of the total number of persons covered, 49.7 per cent received at least one EHB service in Alberta during the year.

Average Payment Per Person

Figure 8 shows the distribution of average payment per person for EHB by age and gender.

Figure 8
Distribution of Average Payment Per Person for Extended Health Benefits By Age and Gender for the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002



Total EHB Payments

Practitioner	Total Payment	Percentage Change
Dentists	11,971,895	3.93
Denturists	6,449,652	18.43
Opticians	2,763,595	34.66
Optometrists	2,125,572	35.28
Total	**23,310,714**	**13.22**

Fee-for-Service Payments to Practitioners

Fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta for EHB services provided to Alberta residents, totalled $23,310,714 in 2001/2002, an increase of 13.2 per cent as compared to the previous year.

Of the 2,233 practitioners who billed Alberta Health and Wellness through the EHB Program in 2001/2002, the average payment per practitioner was $10,439, a 10.4 per cent increase over last year.

Average Cost/Patient

Practitioner	Average Cost/Patient	Percentage Change
Dentists	103.05	1.11
Denturists	236.03	6.42
Opticians	76.25	-0.72
Optometrists	70.71	-1.83
Total	**134.02**	**3.77**

The average cost per patient for services provided the through the EHB Program in 2001/2002 was $134.02, a 3.8 per cent increase over last year.

Explanatory Notes

Definition of Denturist

Throughout the document, the term "Denturist" should be interpreted as synonymous with "Dental Mechanic," as outlined in legislation.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 4.1
Extended Health Benefits
Selected Indicators
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Indicators	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
REGISTRATIONS					
Population Covered	319,724	325,098	332,594	341,545	349,887
Number of Discrete Patients [1]	144,987	154,488	155,282	159,419	173,931
Number of Discrete Patients Per Practitioner	72.3	75.0	73.7	73.2	77.9
OVERALL PRACTITIONER SUMMARY					
Number of Extended Health Benefit Services Provided	595,897	630,349	647,168	668,640	720,762
Number of Practitioners	2,004	2,061	2,106	2,177	2,233
Total Extended Health Benefit Payments	$18,439,174	$19,683,261	$20,182,452	$20,588,794	$23,310,714
Average Payment Per Practitioner	$9,201	$9,550	$9,583	$9,457	$10,439
Number of Practitioners					
Dentists	1,384	1,416	1,450	1,484	1,524
Denturists	182	191	192	191	197
Opticians	227	234	235	259	250
Optometrists	211	220	229	243	262
Number of Services					
Dentists	459,811	479,204	502,495	524,352	542,433
Denturists	77,464	78,946	84,338	85,525	96,727
Opticians	30,632	37,650	31,744	31,264	42,568
Optometrists	27,990	34,549	28,591	27,499	39,034
Total Payments					
Dentists	$10,188,017	$10,568,312	$11,091,976	$11,519,232	$11,971,895
Denturists	4,801,679	4,930,630	5,499,589	5,446,009	6,449,652
Opticians	1,908,360	2,319,232	1,997,409	2,052,299	2,763,595
Optometrists	1,541,119	1,865,086	1,593,479	1,571,254	2,125,572
Average Payments					
Dentists	$7,361	$7,463	$7,650	$7,762	$7,856
Denturists	26,383	25,815	28,644	28,513	32,739
Opticians	8,407	9,911	8,500	7,924	11,054
Optometrists	7,304	8,478	6,958	6,466	8,113

(1) "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one service.

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 4.1
Extended Health Benefits
Selected Indicators
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Indicators	Percentage Change			
	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
REGISTRATIONS				
Population Covered	1.68%	2.31%	2.69%	2.44%
Number of Discrete Patients [1]	6.55	0.51	2.66	9.10
Number of Discrete Patients Per Practitioner	3.61	-1.63	-0.68	6.37
OVERALL PRACTITIONER SUMMARY				
Number of Extended Health Benefit Services Provided	5.78	2.67	3.32	7.80
Number of Practitioners	2.84	2.18	3.37	2.57
Total Extended Health Benefit Payments	6.75	2.54	2.01	13.22
Average Payment Per Practitioner	3.79	0.35	-1.31	10.38
Number of Practitioners				
Dentists	2.31	2.40	2.34	2.70
Denturists	4.95	0.52	-0.52	3.14
Opticians	3.08	0.43	10.21	-3.47
Optometrists	4.27	4.09	6.11	7.82
Number of Services				
Dentists	4.22	4.86	4.35	3.45
Denturists	1.91	6.83	1.41	13.10
Opticians	22.91	-15.69	-1.51	36.16
Optometrists	23.43	-17.25	-3.82	41.95
Total Payments				
Dentists	3.73	4.96	3.85	3.93
Denturists	2.69	11.54	-0.97	18.43
Opticians	21.53	-13.88	2.75	34.66
Optometrists	21.02	-14.56	-1.39	35.28
Average Payments				
Dentists	1.39	2.49	1.47	1.20
Denturists	-2.15	10.96	-0.46	14.82
Opticians	17.89	-14.24	-6.77	39.51
Optometrists	16.07	-17.92	-7.08	25.47

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 4.2
Extended Health Benefits
Distribution of Payments and Services Per Patient
For the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002

Practitioner Type	Total Payments	Number of Services	Average Cost Per Service	Number of Discrete Patients[1]	Average Cost Per Discrete Patient	Number of Services Per Discrete Patient
Total	$23,310,714	720,762	$32.34	173,931	$134.02	4
Dentists	11,971,895	542,433	22.07	116,181	$103.05	5
Denturists	6,449,652	96,727	66.68	27,325	$236.03	4
Opticians	2,763,595	42,568	64.92	36,243	$76.25	1
Optometrists	2,125,572	39,034	54.45	30,060	$70.71	1

(1) "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one service. The total represents a discrete count of patients within all practitioner types.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 4.3
Extended Health Benefits
Number of Alberta Practitioners Receiving Payments, Total Payments and Average Cost Per Discrete Patient, by Practitioner Type
For the Service Years Ended March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

	Number of Practitioners					Percentage Change			
Practitioner Type	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	2,004	2,061	2,106	2,177	2,233	2.84%	2.18%	3.37%	2.57%
Dentists	1,384	1,416	1,450	1,484	1,524	2.31	2.40	2.34	2.70
Denturists	182	191	192	191	197	4.95	0.52	-0.52	3.14
Opticians	227	234	235	259	250	3.08	0.43	10.21	-3.47
Optometrists	211	220	229	243	262	4.27	4.09	6.11	7.82

	Average Payments					Percentage Change			
Practitioner Type	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	$9,201	$9,550	$9,583	$9,457	$10,439	3.79%	0.35%	-1.31%	10.39%
Dentists	7,361	7,463	7,650	7,762	7,856	1.39	2.49	1.47	1.20
Denturists	26,383	25,815	28,644	28,513	32,739	-2.15	10.96	-0.46	14.82
Opticians	8,407	9,911	8,500	7,924	11,054	17.89	-14.24	-6.77	39.51
Optometrists	7,304	8,478	6,958	6,466	8,113	16.07	-17.92	-7.08	25.47

	Average Cost Per Discrete Patient[1]					Percentage Change			
Practitioner Type	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	$127.18	$127.41	$129.97	$129.15	$134.02	0.18%	2.01%	-0.63%	3.77%
Dentists	102.64	102.98	102.37	101.92	103.05	0.33	-0.59	-0.44	1.11
Denturists	213.94	215.85	227.85	221.79	236.03	0.89	5.56	-2.66	6.42
Opticians	74.67	73.89	74.66	76.81	76.25	-1.04	1.04	2.88	-0.72
Optometrists	70.74	69.93	70.84	72.03	70.71	-1.15	1.30	1.68	-1.83

(1) "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one service. The total represents a discrete count of patients within all practitioner types.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 4.4
Extended Health Benefits
Percentage Changes in the Schedule of Benefits
January 1,1976 to March 31, 2002

Practitioner Type / Effective Date	Dentists	Denturists	Opticians	Optometrists
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
July 17, 2001	Nil	0.21	Nil	Nil

Section 5: Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage

Summary

Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage, available to all Albertans, comprises supplemental health insurance plans for pharmaceuticals and other selected health services. These supplemental plans are funded by Alberta Health and Wellness and administered by Alberta Blue Cross. Premium-free coverage is offered to seniors and their dependants, to recipients of the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants, and to people who have been diagnosed as being palliative and receive their treatments at home. A universal plan is available to all Albertans under the age of 65 and their dependants, subject to a quarterly premium.

These categories are collectively referred to as "non-group" membership since they are not based on "group" or private employer-sponsored drug plans offered by Alberta Blue Cross. "Non-group" membership also excludes individual health plans offered by Alberta Blue Cross.

Non-group coverage includes prescription drugs, ambulance services, clinical psychological services, home nursing care, prosthetic and orthotic benefits, mastectomy prosthesis, and private or semi-private hospital accommodation. The Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List defines the prescription drugs that are covered by Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage.

This section provides data on Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage: the number of persons covered by level of premium payment by age and gender, and by type of services (ambulance, drugs, hospital, or other). Information is also provided on drug prescriptions: the number, types and costs of prescriptions, and of the 10 leading prescription drugs.

Number of People Covered

In 2001/2002, Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group coverage provided coverage to 474,675 Albertans.

The number of persons covered by regular premiums increased by 6.0 per cent in 2001/2002 to 87,756. Out of the total non-group membership, only 18.5 per cent paid full premiums. 37,032 people received coverage at reduced premium rates in 2001/2002, a 4.1 per cent decrease over the previous year. This represents 7.8 per cent of the total non-group membership. Premium-free coverage under the Seniors, Widows' Pension or Palliative Care categories totalled 349,887 people. Seniors, Widows' Pension, and Palliative Care categories represented 73.7 per cent of the total non-group membership.

Benefit Payments

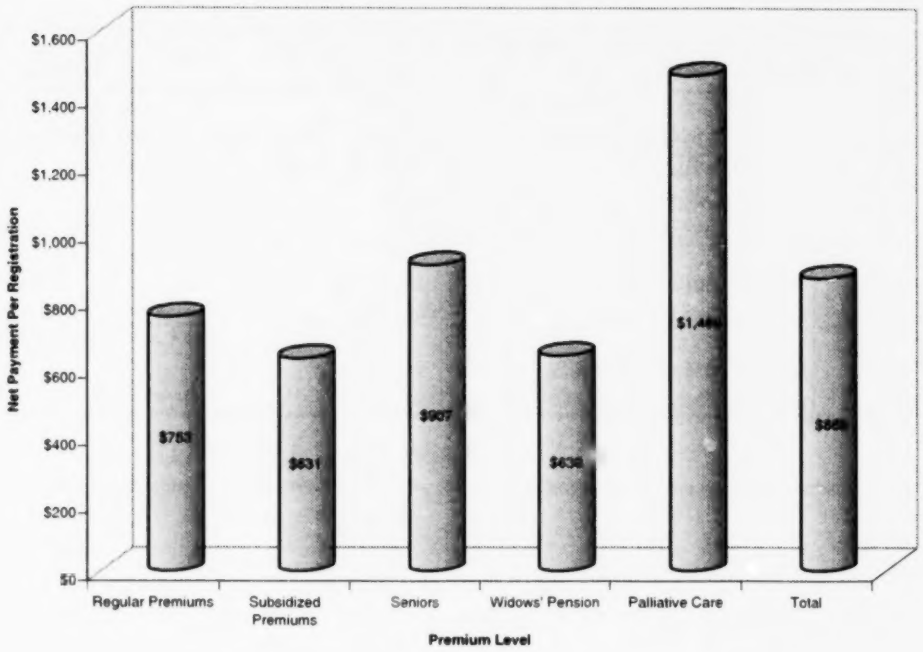
Over $368 million in benefits was paid by Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage in 2001/2002. Drugs accounted for $349,435,396 or 94.9% of these expenditures. Ambulance services accounted for $14,179,199 or 3.6% of the total. These two benefits accounted for 98.7% of all Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group expenditures.

Out of the 10 leading prescription drugs, Losec 20mg, an ulcer treatment drug was prescribed most with a total of 175,798 prescriptions and a net payment of $22,115,050 in 2001/2002.

Drug Payments by Premium Level

Figure 9 provides a comparison of the Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group membership net payment of drugs per registration for 2001/2002. A registration may be for a single person or can include a spouse and/or dependants.

Figure 9
Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership Net Payment for Drugs
Per Registration by Premium Level for the Service Year April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002



Explanatory Notes

The Palliative Care Drug program was introduced effective February 1, 1999. This program offers premium-free coverage with no waiting period. The palliative patient is responsible for 30 per cent of the cost of prescriptions to a maximum of $25 per prescription with a $1,000 ceiling for out-of-pocket expenses. Patients have access to medications under the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List and the Palliative Care Drug Benefit Supplement.

Several modifications were made to non-group coverage effective September 1, 1999. Coverage was increased for clinical psychological services and mastectomy prostheses. Responsibility for provision of emergency out-patient transfers and auxiliary hospital coverage was assigned to the regional health authorities. Two infrequently used benefits were discontinued: accidental dental coverage; and, in- and out-of-country hospital patient charges.

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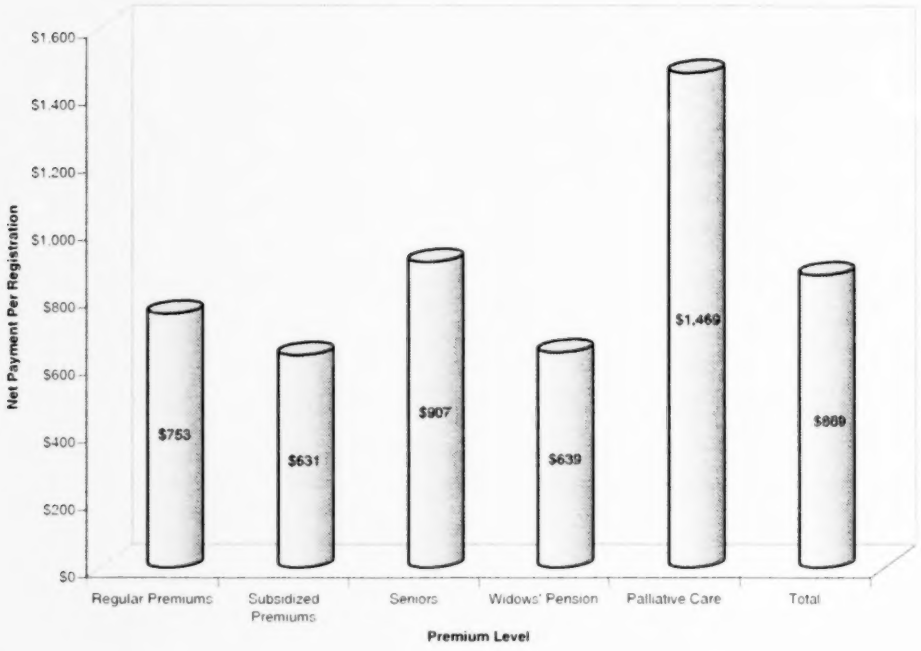

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The new additional inventory allowance pricing component was implemented for all pharmacy claims paid by Alberta Blue Cross effective July 1, 2000. A portion of the dispensing fee is separated into another category of additional inventory allowance. The total cost of a prescription is based on three pricing components: drug material cost, dispensing fee, and additional inventory allowance.

Source of Data

Data in this section are provided directly by Alberta Blue Cross except for Table 5.6, which is provided by the Alberta College of Pharmacists.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 5.1
Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership
Number of Registrations and Persons Covered by Method of Premium Payments
As of March 31[1], 1998 to March 31, 2002

Registration Status	Number of Registrations & Persons Covered					Percentage Change			
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total Number of Registrations	277,576	280,654	285,646	291,870	299,965	1.11%	1.78%	2.18%	2.77%
Total Number of Persons Covered	447,276	450,571	455,754	462,919	474,675	0.74	1.15	1.57	2.54
Number of Registrations Paying Regular Premiums	36,814	37,714	37,754	38,391	41,347	2.44	0.11	1.69	7.70
Number of Persons Covered	83,556	84,280	82,843	82,760	87,756	0.87	-1.71	-0.10	6.04
Number of Registrations Paying Reduced Premiums	20,525	19,642	19,462	19,103	18,686	-4.30	-0.92	-1.84	-2.18
Number of Persons Covered	43,996	41,193	40,317	38,614	37,032	-6.37	-2.13	-4.22	-4.10
Number of Registrations, Paying No Premiums[2]	220,237	223,298	228,430	234,376	239,932	1.39	2.30	2.60	2.37
Number of Persons Covered	319,724	325,098	332,594	341,545	349,887	1.68	2.31	2.69	2.44

(1) The population figures are as of March 31, calculated in July.

(2) Persons covered under the Seniors or Widows' Pension, or Palliative Care categories are entitled to premium-free coverage.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 5.2
Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership[1]
Number of Registrations and Persons Covered by Level of Premium Payment
As of March 31[2], 1998 to March 31, 2002

Registration Status		Total					Regular Premium					Subsidized Premium				
		1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Total	Registrations	277,576	280,654	285,646	291,870	299,965	36,814	37,714	37,754	38,391	41,347	20,525	19,642	19,462	19,103	18,686
	Persons	447,276	450,571	455,754	462,919	474,675	83,556	84,280	82,843	82,760	87,756	43,996	41,193	40,317	38,614	37,032
One Person	Registrations	147,309	148,611	151,835	155,344	159,763	13,055	13,772	14,052	14,622	16,091	9,641	9,496	9,637	9,655	9,794
	Persons	147,309	148,611	151,835	155,344	159,763	13,055	13,772	14,052	14,622	16,091	9,641	9,496	9,637	9,655	9,794
Two Persons	Registrations	110,655	113,039	115,442	118,685	122,109	12,766	13,061	13,198	13,469	14,514	5,186	4,965	4,921	4,851	4,522
	Persons	221,310	226,078	230,844	237,370	244,218	25,534	26,122	26,396	26,938	29,028	10,370	9,930	9,842	9,702	9,044
Three or More	Registrations	19,612	19,004	18,369	17,841	18,093	10,993	10,881	10,504	10,300	10,742	5,698	5,181	4,904	4,597	4,370
Persons	Persons	78,657	75,882	73,035	70,205	70,694	44,967	44,386	42,395	41,200	42,637	23,985	21,767	20,838	19,257	18,194

Registration Status		Seniors[3]					Widows' Pension[3]				
		1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Total	Registrations	217,604	220,791	226,071	232,091	237,774	2,633	2,507	2,359	2,285	2,158
	Persons	316,848	322,384	330,051	339,065	347,497	2,876	2,714	2,543	2,480	2,390
One Person	Registrations	122,619	122,997	125,927	128,926	131,880	2,444	2,346	2,219	2,141	1,998
	Persons	122,619	122,997	125,927	128,926	131,880	2,444	2,346	2,219	2,141	1,998
Two Persons	Registrations	92,551	94,883	97,215	100,254	102,961	152	130	108	111	112
	Persons	185,102	189,766	194,430	200,508	205,922	304	260	216	222	224
Three or More	Registrations	2,884	2,911	2,929	2,911	2,933	37	31	32	33	48
Persons	Persons	9,577	9,621	9,694	9,631	9,695	128	108	108	117	168

(1) Persons eligible for Basic Health Services at reduced premium rates were also eligible for Alberta Blue Cross Non-group coverage at reduced premium rates.

(2) The population figures are as of March 31, calculated in July.

(3) Individuals covered under the Seniors and Widows' Pension, or Palliative Care categories receive premium-free coverage.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 5.3
Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership
Persons Covered by Age and Gender
As of March 31[1], 1998 to March 31, 2002

	Total					Male					Female				
Age Group	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Total	447,276	450,571	455,754	462,919	474,675	190,801	192,200	194,262	197,411	202,698	256,475	258,371	261,492	265,508	271,977
By Age Group															
Under 1	909	915	860	794	786	466	453	418	406	372	443	462	442	388	414
1 - 4	4,692	4,337	3,900	3,658	3,617	2,455	2,233	2,023	1,873	1,811	2,237	2,104	1,877	1,785	1,806
5 - 14	18,983	17,889	16,789	15,690	15,591	9,761	9,235	8,664	8,053	8,064	9,222	8,654	8,125	7,637	7,527
15 - 24	21,729	21,536	21,330	20,729	21,428	10,593	10,511	10,354	10,166	10,434	11,136	11,025	10,976	10,563	10,994
25 - 44	28,712	27,675	26,080	25,187	25,556	12,692	12,242	11,441	10,968	11,128	16,020	15,433	14,639	14,219	14,428
45 - 64	89,217	90,299	91,621	93,181	96,157	30,977	31,108	31,543	32,045	33,195	58,240	59,191	60,078	61,136	62,962
65 - 74	161,525	163,944	166,658	170,005	172,707	76,897	78,511	80,132	81,940	83,363	84,628	85,433	86,526	88,065	89,344
75 & Older	121,509	123,976	128,516	133,675	138,833	46,960	47,907	49,687	51,960	54,331	74,549	76,069	78,829	81,715	84,502

	Percentage Change Total				Percentage Change Male				Percentage Change Female			
Age Group	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001	1999/1998	2000/1999	2001/2000	2002/2001
Total	0.74%	1.15%	1.57%	2.54%	0.73%	1.07%	1.62%	2.68%	0.74%	1.21%	1.54%	2.44%
By Age Group												
Under 1	0.66	-6.01	-7.67	-1.01	-2.79	-7.73	-2.87	-8.37	4.29	-4.33	-12.22	6.70
1 - 4	-7.57	-10.08	-6.21	-1.12	-9.04	-9.40	-7.41	-3.31	-5.95	-10.79	-4.90	1.18
5 - 14	-5.76	-6.15	-6.55	-0.63	-5.39	-6.18	-7.05	0.14	-6.16	-6.11	-6.01	-1.44
15 - 24	-0.89	-0.96	-2.82	3.37	-0.77	-1.49	-1.82	2.64	-1.00	-0.44	-3.76	4.08
25 - 44	-3.61	-5.76	-3.42	1.47	-3.55	-6.54	-4.13	1.46	-3.66	-5.14	-2.87	1.47
45 - 64	1.21	1.46	1.70	3.19	0.42	1.40	1.59	3.59	1.63	1.50	1.76	2.99
65 - 74	1.50	1.66	2.01	1.59	2.10	2.06	2.26	1.74	0.95	1.28	1.78	1.45
75 & Older	2.03	3.66	4.01	3.86	2.02	3.72	4.57	4.56	2.04	3.63	3.66	3.41

(1) "Persons Covered" includes all persons covered by Alberta Blue Cross as of March 31 each year.
For all years the population figures are as of March 31, calculated in July.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 5.4
Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership[1]
Persons Registered by Level of Premium Payment and Type of Service
For the Year Ending March 31, 2002

Subsidy Level and Type of Service	Discrete Registrants	Net Payment[2]	Net Payment Per Registrant
All Groups			
Ambulance	38,279	$14,179,199	$370.42
Drugs	402,203	349,435,396	868.80
Hospital	1,294	251,939	194.70
Other[3]	7,273	4,380,944	602.36
Total	406,387	368,247,479	906.15
Regular Premium			
Ambulance	2,142	528,928	246.93
Drugs	77,976	58,746,402	753.39
Hospital	952	189,467	199.02
Other	956	115,197	120.50
Subtotal	78,440	59,579,995	759.56
Subsidized Premium			
Ambulance	853	236,757	277.56
Drugs	24,731	15,598,509	630.73
Hospital	341	64,986	190.57
Other	186	26,390	141.88
Subtotal	24,863	15,926,642	640.58
Seniors[4][5]			
Ambulance	35,179	13,373,389	380.15
Drugs	300,791	272,816,419	907.00
Hospital	1	(2,514)	(2,514.26)
Other	6,126	4,231,351	690.72
Subtotal	304,403	290,418,645	954.06
Widows' Pension[5]			
Ambulance	124	40,125	323.59
Drugs	2,264	1,446,808	639.05
Hospital			
Other	16	8,006	500.37
Subtotal	2,286	1,494,939	653.95
Palliative Care[5]			
Ambulance			
Drugs	567	827,258	1,459.01
Hospital			
Other			
Subtotal	567	827,258	1,459.01

(1) Persons eligible for basic health services at reduced premium rates were also eligible for Alberta Blue Cross Non-group coverage at reduced premium rates.

(2) The totals for net payment may not add due to rounding.

(3) The type of "other" service includes clinical psychology, home nursing, prostheses and other orthotics and mastectomy prostheses.

(4) Seniors refers to the Alberta Blue Cross Membership category of "registrant or spouse age 65 or older and their dependants".

(5) Coverage for these groups is provided premium-free.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 5.5
Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership[1]
Number of Drug Prescriptions and Cost of Benefits
For Over the Counter Products and Prescription Drugs
For the Year Ending March 31, 2002

Prescription Type and Membership Category	Number of Prescriptions	Net Payment[2]
Total	8,709,686	$349,435,396
All Prescriptions		
Regular Premium	1,141,831	58,746,402
Subsidized Premium	368,955	15,598,509
Seniors[3], [4]	7,142,815	272,816,419
Widows' Pension[4]	40,624	1,446,808
Palliative Care[4]	15,461	827,258
By Prescription Type		
Prescription Drugs[5]		
Regular Premium	1,093,208	57,469,333
Subsidized Premium	353,761	15,226,544
Seniors	6,824,781	267,554,913
Widows' Pension	39,179	1,414,129
Palliative Care	13,209	801,539
Subtotal	8,324,138	342,466,458
Over The Counter[6]		
Regular Premium	48,583	1,280,005
Subsidized Premium	15,188	374,238
Seniors	317,975	5,339,433
Widows' Pension	1,445	32,679
Palliative Care	2,252	25,719
Subtotal	385,443	7,052,073
Adjustments		
Regular Premium	40	(2,935)
Subsidized Premium	6	(2,273)
Seniors	59	(77,927)
Widows' Pension		
Palliative Care		
Subtotal	105	(83,135)

(1) Persons eligible for basic health services at reduced premium rates were also eligible for Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group coverage at reduced premium rates.

(2) The totals for net payment may not add due to rounding.

(3) Seniors refers to the Alberta Blue Cross Membership category of "registrant or spouse age 65 or older and their dependants".

(4) Coverage for these groups is provided premium-free.

(5) Refers to a drug type not available without a prescription.

(6) Refers to an otherwise "over the counter" drug type which has been prescribed for these members.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 5.6
Number and Percentage Change of
Licensed Community Pharmacies in Alberta
For the Years Ending March 31, 1998 to March 31, 2002

Year	Number of Pharmacies	Percentage Change from the Prior Year
1997/1998	752	n.a.
1998/1999	769	2.26
1999/2000	780	1.43
2000/2001	791	1.41
2001/2002	801	1.26
Annual Average Percentage Change for Last 5 Years		1.59

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 5.7
Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership[1]
Ten Leading Prescription Drugs
By Cost of Benefits and Groups
For the Year Ending March 31, 2002

Group by Subsidy Level	Drug Name	Strength	Major Uses	Number of Prescriptions	Number of Registrants	Net Payment[3]
All Groups						
	Losec	20 mg	Ulcer Treatment	175,798	44,513	$22,115,050
	Celebrex	200 mg	Arthritis	121,115	39,463	10,786,914
	Lipitor	10 mg	Cholesterol Lowering Agent	90,095	25,882	9,976,256
	Norvasc	5 mg	High Blood Pressure/Angina	94,314	21,935	6,938,357
	Lipitor	20 mg	Cholesterol Lowering Agent	44,403	12,864	6,260,041
	Vioxx	25 mg	Arthritis	104,897	40,631	5,540,263
	Eprex	0.4 ml syringe	Hematopoietic Agent	8,139	1,441	5,499,775
	Prevacid	30 mg	Ulcer Treatment	53,588	16,394	5,468,455
	Pantoloc	40mg	Ulcer Treatment	54,828	14,899	5,323,754
	Norvasc	10 mg	High Blood Pressure/Angina	41,296	9,727	4,767,745
Regular and Subsidized Premium						
	Copaxone	20 mg	Multiple Sclerosis	3,707	450	3,978,440
	Losec	20 mg	Ulcer Treatment	24,985	7,363	3,250,568
	Lipitor	10 mg	Cholesterol Lowering Agent	16,214	4,993	1,753,890
	Rebif	6 million IU/syringe	Multiple Sclerosis	1,689	203	1,720,190
	Rebif	12 million IU/syringe	Multiple Sclerosis	1,125	154	1,541,249
	Celebrex	200 mg	Arthritis	16,095	6,050	1,470,054
	Paxil	20 mg	Antidepressant	15,701	3,959	1,322,287
	Lipitor	20 mg	Cholesterol Lowering Agent	9,727	2,909	1,320,187
	Eprex	0.4 ml syringe	Hematopoietic Agent	2,020	376	1,248,981
	Betaseron	9.6 million IU/vial	Multiple Sclerosis	906	97	1,138,982
Seniors[2]						
	Losec	20 mg	Ulcer Treatment	149,802	36,822	18,763,548
	Celebrex	200 mg	Arthritis	104,237	33,129	9,250,063
	Lipitor	10 mg	Cholesterol Lowering Agent	73,323	20,722	8,166,465
	Norvasc	5 mg	High Blood Pressure/Angina	85,814	19,610	6,255,450
	Lipitor	20 mg	Cholesterol Lowering Agent	34,427	9,872	4,904,605
	Vioxx	25 mg	Arthritis	85,867	32,437	4,538,224
	Prevacid	30 mg	Ulcer Treatment	43,326	12,988	4,428,270
	Pantoloc	40 mg	Ulcer Treatment	46,053	12,189	4,424,861
	Eprex	0.4 ml syringe	Hematopoietic Agent	6,092	1,059	4,215,944
	Norvasc	10 mg	High Blood Pressure/Angina	35,520	8,220	4,059,978
Widows' Pension						
	Losec	20 mg	Ulcer Treatment	698	219	80,713
	Celebrex	200 mg	Arthritis	670	251	60,654
	Lipitor	10 mg	Cholesterol Lowering Agent	512	164	54,080
	Lipitor	20 mg	Cholesterol Lowering Agent	246	81	34,948
	Paxil	20 mg	Antidepressant	453	98	34,138
	Vioxx	25 mg	Arthritis	561	257	27,969
	Prevacid	30 mg	Ulcer Treatment	234	102	27,651
	Norvasc	5 mg	High Blood Pressure/Angina	410	95	27,328
	Pantoloc	40 mg	Ulcer Treatment	245	80	24,718
	Eprex	0.4ml syringe	Hematopoietic Agent	16	3	24,562
Palliative Care						
	Fentanyl Citrate	0.05 mg/ml injection	Pain Management	71	6	72,534
	Sandostatin LAR	30 mg vial	Rare Endocrine Tumour	45	4	60,305
	Zofran	8 mg	Severe Nausea/Vomiting	322	100	57,243
	Bonefos	60 mg/ml inject'n	High Calcium Blood Level	127	26	37,822
	Aredia	90mg vial inject'n	High Calcium Blood Level	60	17	26,760
	Losec	20 mg	Ulcer Treatment	313	109	20,221
	Neupogen	0.3 mg/ml injection	Hematopoietic Agent	13	6	19,835
	Duragesic	100 mcg/hr patch	Pain Management	53	17	15,476
	Hydromorph Contin	50 mg/ml inject'n	Pain Management	55	20	15,112
	Sandostatin	20 mg vial	Rare Endocrine Tumor	82	18	14,757

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Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 5.8
Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership
Average Gross Cost Per Prescription by Broad Drug Category
(Direct Bill and Reimbursement Claims)
For Recipients In All Groups
For the Year Ending March 31, 2002

Broad Drug Category	Number of Prescriptions	Net Payment	Co-Insurance Amount	Coordination of Benefits[4]	Average Gross Cost[1] Per Prescription
Total	8,709,684	349,435,396	90,129,118	4,419,566	50.98
By Drug Category					
Antihistamines	523	8,194	3,238	64	21.98
Antineoplastic Agents	16,593	589,915	188,745	12,882	47.70
Antitussives, Expectorants, Mucolytic	1,289	50,863	13,787	161	50.28
Anti-Infective Agents	487,097	12,181,313	4,275,697	166,997	34.13
Autonomic Drugs	370,779	16,261,655	4,098,226	103,786	55.19
Blood Formation and Coagulation	201,480	13,113,874	1,513,694	327,047	74.22
Cardiovascular Drugs	2,063,098	119,305,171	30,737,813	639,831	73.04
Central Nervous System Drugs	1,986,331	68,687,941	18,690,505	749,730	44.37
Compound Drugs	3,372	129,633	28,521	3,893	48.06
Devices	6,154	108,897	46,328	587	25.32
Electrolytic, Caloric, Water Balance	675,754	5,903,195	2,509,575	36,548	12.50
Enzymes[3]	502	669,358	10,295	574	1,355.03
Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Preparations	296,314	5,685,910	2,275,157	29,175	26.97
Gastrointestinal Drugs	526,437	41,783,431	8,202,704	350,907	95.62
Gold Compounds	1,915	121,821	33,041	631	81.20
Heavy Metal Antagonists	1,019	148,665	19,228	15,831	180.30
Hormones & Synthetic Substitutes	1,254,727	28,617,552	9,776,586	253,055	30.80
Serums, Toxoids, and Vaccines	1,451	86,128	25,308	1,288	77.69
Skin & Mucous Membrane Preparations	259,434	4,252,672	1,698,328	38,955	23.09
Smooth Muscle Relaxants	53,051	1,030,619	421,685	8,032	27.53
Unclassified Therapeutic Agents	449,439	30,265,295	5,372,035	1,671,448	83.01
Undetermined	102	-84,581	-174	-181	-832.71
Vitamins	52,823	517,875	188,796	8,324	13.54

(1) Gross Cost = Net Payment + Co-insurance Amount + Coordination of Benefits

(2) Totals may not add due to rounding

(3) Reflects a small number of prescriptions for imiglucerase, an expensive prescription drug used to treat a rare health condition.

(4) Coordination of Benefits would apply in situations where a person can submit a claim to more than one supplementary health plan. Coordination of Benefits represents amounts paid by other payers.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement Table 5.9
Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership
Number of Prescriptions and Gross Payments
By Drug Cost Components - Direct Bill Claims Only
For the Year Ending March 31, 2002

Recipient Group	Number of Prescriptions	Drug Material Cost [A]	Additional Inventory Allowance[3] [B]	Dispensing Fee[1] [C]	Adjustment [D]	Coordination of Benefit[4] [E]	Gross Payment [F] = [A]+[B]+[C]+[D]-[E]	Co-Payment [G]	Net Payment [H] = [F] - [G]
Total[2]	8,648,075	358,844,843	5,649,096	76,425,184	-81,276	3,946,970	436,890,877	89,454,050	347,436,827
Average Cost Per Prescription		41.49	0.65	8.84	0.00	0.46	50.52	10.34	40.18
By Groups									
Regular and Subsidized Premium	1,475,057	77,551,020	968,718	13,097,692	-8,020	2,798,144	88,811,266	15,640,917	73,170,349.45
Seniors	7,118,014	278,947,443	4,647,915	62,825,452	-73,256	1,028,598	345,318,957	73,287,878	272,031,078.66
Widows' Pension	40,376	1,490,760	25,384	338,752	0	7,437	1,847,459	407,167	1,440,292.40
Palliative Care	14,628	855,619	7,079	163,288	0	112,791	913,194	118,088	795,106.59

(1) Dispensing fee is based on all eligible drug claims including claims for oral contraceptives, insulin and injectables.

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Glossary/Definitions

Alberta Blue Cross Group Plan - Group coverage available through employers. Data on this coverage is not included in the *Statistical Supplement*.

Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Plan - Provides supplemental health insurance coverage for pharmaceuticals and other selected health services. These supplemental plans are funded by Alberta Health and Wellness and administered by Alberta Blue Cross. Premium-free coverage is offered to seniors and their dependants, to recipients of the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants, and to people who have been diagnosed as being palliative and receive their treatments at home. A universal plan is available to all Albertans under the age of 65 and their dependants, subject to a quarterly premium.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) - Non-profit plan administered and operated under the *Alberta Health Care Insurance Act* and regulations to pay for insured physician, oral surgical and hospitalisation services, providing out-of-province and out-of-country, and other allied health services to eligible residents of Alberta.

Allied Health Services - Services provided by oral surgeons and dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, and podiatrists.

Basic Health Services - Services of physicians, osteopaths, oral surgeons and dental practitioners deemed medically required according to the *Canada Health Act*. Also includes some services provided by optometrists, chiropractors, and podiatrists.

Blank Cell - represents a zero value.

Discrete Patients - The actual number of people who receive an insured service; not the number of times a patient accesses health services.

Discrete Service Providers - The actual number of practitioners who provide a service payable under the AHCIP; not the number of services provided by practitioners.

Extended Health Benefits Program - For Alberta residents 65 years and older and their dependants, and for those registered under the Alberta Widows' Pension Program and their dependants. Helps pay for eyeglasses and certain dental services. Services are provided by dentists, denturists, optometrists and opticians.

Fiscal Year - April 1 to March 31.

Health Regions - Geographic areas where health services are delivered. Data relate to the health region where the service was provided.

Medical Assessments - Primarily office visits and consultations.

Medical Services - Services provided by a physician.

N/A - Not available.

n.a. - Not applicable.

-- - Non-zero value; actual value was too small to be shown.

Nil - No change.

Payments - Gross fee-for-service payments made by the AHCIP. Represents neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner. Payment data is reported on a date-of-service basis and includes only fee-for-service payments to Alberta practitioners for services which were provided to Alberta residents, unless stated otherwise.

Practitioner - Licensed individual who is registered with the AHCIP and provides basic health services and extended health services.

Registrations - The actual number of contracts with the AHCIP. A registration may include one person (as in single coverage) or two or more people (as in family coverage).

Registered/Insured Persons - The number of Alberta residents insured under a program and therefore entitled to receive services.

Schedule of Benefits - List of practitioner services and rates paid by the AHCIP. Includes the governing rules, procedure list, fee modifier definitions and price list. There are seven distinct schedules: medical, oral surgical, chiropractic, podiatric, optometry, extended health benefits dental and extended health benefits optical.